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ONTARIO GOVERNMENT OPPOSES
LUMBER TAX, SEEKS ASSISTANCE
FOR LAID-OFF WORKERS

The Ontario government today reaffirmed its opposition to a Canada-U.S. agreement to impose a 15-per-cent export tax on softwood lumber going to the United States and vowed to aggressively seek help for those workers who are laid off because of the effect of the tax on the sawmill operators.

"Ontario's opposition to this agreement is clear," Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio told the Legislature today. "We will do everything in our power to reduce the inevitable job loss and the decline in production this agreement will cause."

Hugh O'Neil, Minister of Industry, Trade and Technology, agreed. "Since the federal government is directly responsible for creating this situation, we will aggressively seek federal assistance to help alleviate the suffering it is going to cause."

In addition to those jobs lost as a direct result of the tax, other jobs will be lost indirectly as its impact filters through the economy of northern Ontario.

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Under the agreement, signed December 30 by the federal government and U.S. officials, Canada agreed to put a 15-per-cent export tax on the final mill price of virtually all softwood lumber exported to the U.S.

"Under the terms of this agreement, the money Ottawa collects will be closely monitored by the U.S. to make sure Canadian producers or exporters do not receive any benefit from it. Moreover, the U.S. government must approve any changes in export charges or in the calculation of export tax measures," Mr. O'Neil said.

The ministers pointed out that Ontario was opposed to the negotiations on softwood lumber tariffs on the grounds that information and methodology the U.S. had used to reach its preliminary position was flawed and that the U.S. position, and the subsequent agreement, improperly intrudes on provincial sovereignty.

"In fact, imposing an export tax on a provincial resource in this manner may be a violation of provincial jurisdiction under the Constitution," Mr. Kerrio said.

Mr. O'Neil said the agreement "gives in to U.S. protectionism. It sets a bad precedent that could encourage similar actions in the future by U.S. interests against other provincially-controlled resources. It threatens the ability of the provinces to set prices for their own resources."

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Moreover, the terms of the agreement may prevent the government from helping Ontario workers who lose their jobs due to the export tax.

"Money put into retraining or job creation programs may be constrained in how it may be applied," Mr. Kerrio said.

He added that Ontario fully expects the federal government to honor a commitment to a 100-per-cent flowback of any export tax revenues collected to the provinces which are affected. "In addition, the financial flowback must not in any way disrupt previously-negotiated funding programs, including Forest Management Agreements."

Mr. Kerrio said he will meet in Vancouver this Wednesday with federal Trade Minister Pat Carney and ministers and officials from other provinces to discuss the issue, and promised that Ontario will work with the other provinces as much as possible to minimize the consequences of the agreement.

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NEW SPLAKE SEASON
REPLACES FEBRUARY
LAKE TROUT SEASON

The 16 lake trout lakes threatened by overfishing north and east of Kingston will remain closed this February, but a new splake season will be added in its place on 17 other lakes, Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio announced today.

"We cannot back away from our mandate to protect the lake trout that are left in those endangered lakes," Mr. Kerrio said, "but we have come up with an additional fishing opportunity."

The additional opportunity is another splake season in divisions 9 and 10, in addition to the extended season which had been announced to start in March. "We listened to the concerns of anglers in the area, many of whom look forward to the winter lake trout fishing season," Mr. Kerrio said.

Open season on splake lakes will be from February 7 to 15, when lake trout season would have opened. Then it will open again March 14, and will be extended an extra two months to close November 30, 1987.

"What this means, is that anglers get a split season on the splake lakes," Mr. Kerrio said

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The 17 splake lakes open in divisions 9 and 10 in February are Bob's, Buck North, Brooke, Cronk, Doe, Dog, Draper, Garter, Gould, Indian, Leo, Little Clear, Little Salmon, Otter, Round, Upper Rock, and White. Some of these lakes still contain lake trout, which may also be taken.

Stocking programs for both lake trout and splake continue, but fisheries biologists have determined that splake, a hardy hybrid of brook and lake trout, is a superior fish for stocking a "put and take" fishery.

Mr. Kerrio renewed his call to area anglers to support the new measures, which he said are essential if lake trout populations are to be preserved in the long run.

"The changes to lake trout fishing are the least restrictive changes we could use and still prevent the trout from vanishing," Mr. Kerrio said.

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NEW WINTER SPLAKE SEASON IN EASTERN ONTARIO

- The February lake trout season in Divisions 9 and 10 will remain closed on 16 lakes north and east of Kingston. (See table on back)
- The lake trout in these lakes are in real danger of being fished out.
- To provide an alternate angling opportunity, splake season will open February 7 to 15 (when the trout season would have opened), and again March 14, with a two-month extension to November 30, 1987.
- These moves are the least restrictive ones that will protect endangered lake trout populations.
- To rebuild the lake trout populations, the ministry and local angling groups are engaged in co-operative projects through CFIP, the Community Fisheries Involvement Program.
- Revenues from the new resident sport fishing licence will enhance MNR's capability to work with local anglers on lake trout rehabilitation projects.
- The ministry is planning to collect and hatch native lake trout eggs from Charleston Lake, culture them at the White Lake Fish Culture Station, and then stock them back into Charleston Lake.
- There will also be continuing biological studies of the more popular trout lakes in the area.
- Last year, the ministry stocked almost 70,000 splake in the area. This year, about 70,000 more of a newer, faster-growing type will be stocked. The new type average 30 fish per kilogram.
- The ministry also stocks 30,000 rainbow trout a year in about 20 lakes and 65,000 brook trout in approximately 90 lakes in the Kingston area. The inland lake trout stocking program involves 138,000 fish.

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TABLE 1: 1987 LAKE TROUT AND SPLAKE ANGLING REGULATIONS

LAKE TROUT

Divisions 9 and 10 (South Frontenac, Leeds and Lanark Counties)	First Saturday in June, to Sept. 8
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The 16 lakes closed in February are:

Charleston, Big Rideau, Silver, Birch, Buck, Canoe, Desert,
Devil, Eagle, Sharbot, Red Horse, Big Clear, Big Salmon,
Knowlton, Crow, and Loughborough.

SPLAKE

Divisions 9 and 10 (South Frontenac, Leeds and Lanark Counties)	First Saturday in February to 3rd Sunday in February, and second Saturday in March to Nov. 30
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The 17 lakes open in Divisions 9 and 10 are:

Bob's, Buck North, Brooke, Cronk, Doe, Dog, Draper, Garter,
Gould, Indian, Leo, Little Clear, Little Salmon, Otter,
Round, Upper Rock, and White.



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BARRIE TRAPPER
WINS YEAR'S FIRST MONTHLY
CONSERVATIONIST AWARD



Lloyd Cook, a long-time member of the Ontario Trapper's Association, is the first winner of the conservationist of the month award celebrating Wildlife '87, Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio announced today.

"It is being awarded to Lloyd Cook," Mr. Kerrio told the legislature, "for his long and distinguished record in the study, practice and teaching of humane trapping."

The monthly award will be part of Wildlife '87, a national conservation awareness program that will encourage wildlife programs across Canada, and here in Ontario, to showcase wildlife management programs.

Lloyd Cook has been a trapper all his life. He is a director of the Ontario Trappers Association, which he first joined in 1956. He was a member of the Federal-Provincial Committee for Humane Trapping, and spent two years studying humane trapping methods with the OMNR. For years he has visited schools and summer youth camps to talk about furbearer management and his life as a trapper. He is now chairman of the ministry's Trapper Education Committee.

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"Recognition of contributions such as those made by Mr. Cook is one purpose of Wildlife '87," said Mr. Kerrio.

The federally-declared national wildlife conservation year commemorates the 100th anniversary of the creation of Canada's first wildlife sanctuary, at Last Mountain Lake, Saskatchewan.

It is intended to encourage wildlife conservation activities by individuals, businesses, governments and conservation organizations, and to give a national theme focus for those activities.

Ontario's record in such matters is outstanding, Mr. Kerrio said. Ontario is, without question, an acknowledged leader in the management of furbearing animals, and in the study of rabies.

"In the 1980s in Ontario, our highly successful deer management program came to fruition, and now stands as an example of sound wildlife management," Mr. Kerrio added.

"Wildlife Conservation Year will see Ontario taking steps to better manage black bear populations, step up the re-introduction of peregrine falcons to the wild, spotlight our exciting and innovative new education program called Project WILD, and transfer moose to Michigan, in co-operation with U.S. conservationists," said the Minister.

"We will also emphasize our Community Wildlife Involvement Program, or CWIP, under which conservation-minded groups can get financial support for projects to improve wildlife habitats," he said.

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Mr. Kerrio said that sometime during 1987, his ministry will bring together its policies and expertise in wildlife management in a discussion paper that will take Ontario into the next 100 years of wildlife management, in keeping with the Wildlife '87 theme: Gaining Momentum.

Mr. Kerrio also revealed that this summer he will announce the naming of a wetland of international significance at an international conservation convention in Regina, Saskatchewan.

Ontario will also participate in this summer's Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) in Ottawa.

"Our active participation in this event will again show that Ontario is, without question, a leader in the field of wildlife management," Mr. Kerrio said.

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EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM
CREATES SHORT-TERM JOBS
IN CENTRAL ONTARIO

A job creation program jointly funded by the federal and provincial governments will allow 18 unemployed workers in central Ontario to gain experience in projects ranging from flood forecasting research to water quality studies.

The four projects provide the workers with an average of 20 weeks of work each, at a total cost of \$158,170. "The money is well spent," said Ontario Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio. "It is very satisfying to see these projects give people useful, marketable skills and experience doing needed work."

The people will be put to work in projects such as the design and construction of conservation exhibits, environmental studies to measure water quality changes, and to update maps, charts and computer data bases.

"The Unemployment Insurance (UI)/Section 38/Job Creation program is just one of the many ways Canada's current unemployment situation can be improved," said federal Employment and Immigration Minister Benoit Bouchard.

"It encourages the development of new skills and contributes positively to long-term employment."

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WORKING TO GET PEOPLE WORKING!

Under the UI Job Creation program, the federal government provides workers with their regular UI benefits plus a supplement, to a maximum of \$318 a week.

The federal-provincial job creation initiative is jointly funded by Employment and Immigration Canada and the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources. Project areas include fisheries, wildlife, parks, mines, forestry and conservation authorities.

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SPECIAL EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM PROJECTS FOR CENTRAL ONTARIO

February 2, 1987

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>RESPONSIBILITY</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>WORKERS</u>	<u>WEEKS</u>	<u>COST</u>
Cambridge	Conservation Authority	Halton Region Conservation Authority	Flood forecasting research, biological investigation, review of the effectiveness of the CA's fill and construction regulations, municipal plan review.	4	80	\$40,598
Cambridge	Conservation Authority	Grand River Conservation Authority	To improve CA response to requests for building applications, improve flood and erosion control through engineering and computer projects, environmental studies on water quality changes, collect information and input it in computer data base.	5	96	\$41,850
Cambridge	Conservation Authority	Halton Region Conservation Authority	Field user survey for planning and design drawings, site supervision of recreational developments, inventory of buildings and facilities, establish pilot programs in conservation education, assist in design and construction of conservation exhibits.	5	100	\$37,306
Lindsay	Conservation Authority	Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority	To restore damaged facilities, review occupational health and safety measures, update maps, provide statistical reports.	4	92	\$38,416



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MINISTER ANNOUNCES
NEW MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
FOR ONTARIO BLACK BEARS

Ontario's black bears are coming under new management -- for their own sake.

Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio today announced new regulations for the 1987 bear hunting season.

"Black bears have become a popular big game species and are under increasing hunting pressure in some areas," Mr. Kerrio said. "The new regulations help ensure we head off problems before they arise."

The province has an estimated 75,000 black bears -- perhaps a quarter of the total North American population. This population is generally in good condition, but research results indicate that female bear productivity is low and that heavy hunting pressure in some areas has weakened local populations.

Mr. Kerrio said there has been a need for some time to revise regulations affecting such things as harvest control and non-resident hunters.

Mr. Kerrio said that the new regulations are the first step in a new program to manage black bears on a sustained yield basis through regulated harvests, minimizing property damage and threats to public safety, protection of populations from over-hunting, and habitat management.

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The new regulations prohibit shooting bears in their dens, or within 400 metres of a waste disposal site on Crown land.

In addition, non-residents of Ontario hunting black bears are required to use the services of the tourist industry or an approved commercial Ontario guide.

Hunting with hounds by residents or non-residents is restricted now to the period of April 15 to May 15, and again in the fall season. As well, in wildlife management units 61 to 76 and 83, residents may use hounds from May 15 to June 15.

Interest in black bear hunting has increased in Ontario since 1980. Ontario's black bears are at the heart of a hunting industry worth \$43-million and still growing. Non-resident hunters spent \$10-million in 1985 on equipment, accommodation and guides. This generated more than \$30-million elsewhere in the Ontario economy. Resident hunters added \$4-million, which produced economic reverberations of \$13-million.

"This represents an important contribution to certain tourist-oriented communities, particularly since it comes in at a time of year when opportunities for other hunting and fishing activities are minimal," Mr. Kerrio said.

Further changes in the bear management program will be made upon approval of recently proposed amendments to the Game and Fish Act. The revised legislation is expected to become effective this fall.

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MINISTRY RELEASES
TIMBER MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES
TO PROTECT TOURIST AREAS

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources has released new guidelines to help to protect valuable tourist areas where timber management is taking place.

"One of the most exciting things about these guidelines is that they were developed by representatives of the tourism and forest industries, with little government involvement," Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio said today.

"It was a co-operative effort between two groups which often have conflicting uses for our natural resources.

"These guidelines will help tourist camp operators and field foresters identify tourism concerns and jointly determine acceptable methods of carrying out timber management activities," Mr. Kerrio said.

The guidelines are the product of two years of work by representatives of the Northern Ontario Tourist Outfitters Association, the Ontario Forest Industries Association and the ministries of Tourism and Recreation and Natural Resources.

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A total of eight workshops were held in North Bay, Timmins, Sault Ste. Marie and Dryden. At these meetings, local tourist camp operators and forest company officials exchanged ideas on how their industries could work together to protect and promote both their interests.

"My ministry is responsible for the management of Ontario's forests, and these guidelines will be a valuable tool in the development of timber management plans," Mr. Kerrio said.

"In fact, this has already started to happen. Several districts in the north began using these guidelines while they were still in draft form and the results have been excellent."

MNR policy requires that the concerns of all resource users be addressed in the preparation and implementation of resource management plans. Mr. Kerrio said the new guidelines will enhance the integration of tourism concerns in the timber management planning process.

Cottagers, canoeists, hikers, cross-country skiers and others will also be interested in the guidelines, as many of the provisions protect their interests as well.

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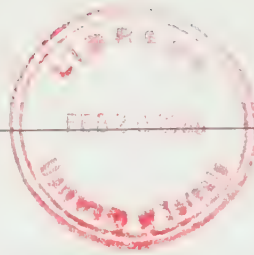
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INTEREST GROUPS ASKED
TO NOMINATE REPRESENTATIVES
TO INDIAN FISHING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Organizations representing a wide range of interests in northwestern Ontario have been asked to nominate representatives to the provincial government's new advisory committee on Indian fishing agreements.

Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio said today he has written to organizations involved with mining, forestry, tourism, municipal affairs, chambers of commerce, trapping, commercial fishing, and recreation, asking for their nominations.

"I am taking immediate steps to set up this committee because it will play a crucial role in communications between the public and the government," Mr. Kerrio said.

Mr. Kerrio stressed, however, that there may well be other interested parties which believe they should have representation on the committee. He invited them to submit their ideas to him at their earliest opportunity.

The Minister added that he is also interested in receiving the views of the interested groups on the make-up of the committee in advising the government on negotiations with the Indian people in the Treaty No. 3 area.

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Formation of the committee, which will offer advice directly to the Cabinet Committee on Northern Development, was announced on Monday, January 26. At that time, Premier David Peterson, Minister of Northern Development and Mines, said that the need for the advisory group had become obvious as a result of the public consultation process being followed in the Indian fishing agreement negotiations.

Mr. Kerrio noted that the committee will provide advice to the government on issues that arise out of the negotiations, and will also keep interest groups informed of the progress of negotiations.

"If we are to succeed in negotiating fishing agreements with the Indian people, we must have full public consultation and allow all voices to be heard," Mr. Kerrio said.

"My colleagues and I on the Cabinet Committee on Northern Development are looking forward to the opportunity to meet with interested groups to discuss these important issues."

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CANADA/ONTARIO JOB CREATION PROGRAM

EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM
CREATES 17 SHORT-TERM JOBS
IN RECREATION AND FORESTRY

February 5, 1987

An ongoing federal-provincial job creation program will mean jobs and valuable experience to 17 unemployed workers in eastern Ontario.

The workers will work an average of 20 weeks on various projects involving watershed management, forest management, extending recreational trails in forests, and even creating waterfowl nesting structures. The projects will cost \$165,335 and are made possible through the Unemployment Insurance (UI) Section 38/Job Creation Program.

"These projects are an excellent way to get needed work done while allowing workers to gain experience," said Ontario Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio.

Federal Employment and Immigration Minister Benoit Bouchard agreed: "The opportunity to employ temporarily laid-off workers in such worthwhile endeavors not only benefits our economy, but the communities they serve."

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The projects include the production of an updated study and watershed plan for Chandos Lake, near Marmora, and historical research on watershed management. Others will develop recreational trails and fire breaks in Kingston Township, prepare a master plan for Gray's Creek Conservation Area, and extend existing trails in some areas.

The federal government provides workers with their regular UI benefits plus a supplement to a maximum of \$318 a week.

The federal-provincial job creation initiative is jointly funded by Employment and Immigration Canada and the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources. Project areas include fisheries, wildlife, parks, mines, forestry and conservation authorities.

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SPECIAL EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM APPROVALS FOR EASTERN ONTARIO

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<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>RESPONSIBILITY</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>WORKERS</u>	<u>WEEKS</u>	<u>COST</u>
Carleton	Forestry	Rideau Valley Conservation Authority	Forest management work.	5	96	\$45,340
Cornwall	Conservation Authority	Raisin Region Conservation Authority	Preparing a master plan for Gray's Creek Conservation Area; review and update municipal Emergency Plans; construct waterfowl nesting structures; extend and improve trails; prepare updated underground electrical plan.	5	100	\$47,623
Napanee	Forestry	Cataragui Region Conservation Authority	Augment forest management, develop trails and fire breaks.	4	80	\$34,916
Tweed	Conservation Authority	Crowe Valley	Produce an updated Chandos Lake study and watershed plan; prepare a video package on springwater; prepare historical information on watershed management problems.	3	78	\$37,456



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SPECIAL EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM CREATES 37 SHORT-TERM JOBS IN SOUTHWESTERN ONTARIO

A federal-provincial special employment program will provide 37 unemployed workers with an average of 15 weeks of work each on projects ranging from evaluating wetlands in the Aylmer area to upgrading the winter recreational program in the Grey/Sauble Conservation Authority.

The projects' total cost of \$255,429 will be shared among the federal and provincial governments, and several project sponsors, through the Unemployment Insurance (UI) Section 38/Job Creation Program.

"Some of the workers will be improving forest stands on various conservation authorities' land," Ontario Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio said. "This means not only increased tree growth through forest regeneration, but also better habitat for wildlife."

Two other projects will have workers evaluating the impact of ice-jams on flooding in the Town of Meaford and creating a publicity package on the Kettle Creek Conservation Authority for residents in the St. Thomas area.

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"Because this type of assistance has allowed so many valuable resource projects to be undertaken by temporarily laid-off workers, it has proven to be of great benefit to communities throughout Ontario," said federal Employment and Immigration Minister Benoit Bouchard.

The federal government provides workers with their regular UI benefits plus a supplement to a maximum of \$318 a week.

The federal-provincial job creation initiative is jointly funded by Employment and Immigration Canada and the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources. Project areas include fisheries, wildlife, parks, mines, forestry and conservation authorities.

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SPECIAL EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM APPROVALS FOR SOUTHWESTERN ONTARIO

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>RESPONSIBILITY</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>WORKERS</u>	<u>WEEKS</u>	<u>COST</u>
Aylmer	Conservation Authorities	Ausable/Bayfield Conservation Authority	Evaluating 20-30 wetlands. Developing a trail network at Parkhill Conservation Area. Taking inventory and mapping forested areas in the watershed	3	50	\$31,470
Aylmer	Conservation Authorities	Catfish Creek Conservation Authority	Improving wildlife habitat and trails. Creating a maple syrup program. Pruning and thinning trees in watershed, area.	5	57	\$17,670
Aylmer	Conservation Authorities	Kettle Creek Conservation Authority	Organizing publicity for the Conservation Authority's programs, projects and recreational areas.	3	54	\$26,093
Chatham	Conservation Authorities	Essex Region Conservation Authority	Preparing displays for interpretive and educational program. Gathering data on flood and erosion problems. Providing information to the public on wildlife habitat improvement and environmentally significant areas.	5	80	\$35,674
Owen Sound	Conservation Authorities	Grey/Sauble Conservation Authority	Determining where to improve the authority's winter programs. Evaluating the impact of ice jams on flooding in the Town of Meaford.	3	45	\$18,964
Owen Sound	Conservation Authorities	Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority	Mapping hazard lands. Designing drawings and construction plans for 3 washroom buildings in various conservation areas.	3	45	\$17,929

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<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>RESPONSIBILITY</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>WORKERS</u>	<u>WEEKS</u>	<u>COST</u>
Even Sound	Conservation Authorities	Grey/Sauble Conservation Authority	Completing resource inventories on CA area, identifying proper- ties for immediate forest work and producing a forest management plan for all properties.	3	51	\$20,666
Simcoe	Conservation Authorities	Long Point Region Conservation Authority	Improving forest stands for better wildlife habitat and increased forest growth and regeneration.	6	102	\$43,780
Simcoe	Conservation Authorities	Long Point Region Conservation Authority	Updating master plans for 25 conservation areas.	3	48	\$17,860
Wingham	Conservation Authorities	Maitland Valley Conservation Authority	Conducting forest inventories to identify need for stand and plantation management operations. Developing and implementing forest management plans.	3	48	\$25,323



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SPECIAL PROGRAM EMPLOYS
24 LAID-OFF WORKERS
IN NORTHERN ONTARIO

Provincial parks in northern Ontario will get a facelift and 24 unemployed workers will get an average of 14 weeks of work each under a federal-provincial special employment program.

The jobs range from clearing hazardous dead trees from the campgrounds in Kap-Kig-Iwan Provincial Park near Englehart to organizing a special event weekend at Ivanhoe Provincial Park in the Township of Chapleau.

"More than \$180,000 will be spent on five projects," Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio said. "They will benefit the communities by retaining local labor, and benefit the workers by creating a better understanding of our parks."

The federal government provides workers with their regular unemployment insurance (UI) benefits plus a supplement to a maximum of \$318 a week through the UI-Section 38-Job Creation program.

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"This creative use of UI funds provides laid-off workers with the opportunity to work for an income in order to help them bridge their period of unemployment," said federal Employment and Immigration Minister Benoit Bouchard.

The federal-provincial job creation program is jointly funded by Employment and Immigration Canada and the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources. Project areas include fisheries, wildlife, parks, forestry and conservation authorities.

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SPECIAL EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM APPROVALS FOR NORTHERN ONTARIO

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<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>RESPONSIBILITY</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>WORKERS</u>	<u>WEEKS</u>	<u>COST</u>
Chapleau	Parks	Wakami Lake Provincial Park	Constructing floating docks for Wakami and Missinaibi parks. Prepare publications for Wakami's upcoming summer season. Adding 30 benches to Wakami's interpretive centre. Removing hazardous trees at Shoals. Constructing a vault toilet at Missinaibi.	8	80	\$39,908
Chapleau	Parks	Ivanhoe Provincial Park	Upgrading park facilities: con- structing garbage boxes, benches for Activity Centre and underground water line markers. Developing a 1987 Special Events Weekend at Ivanhoe.	4	48	\$24,325
Cochrane	Parks	Greenwater Provincial Park	Upgrading and maintaining park campsites: fixing picnic tables, planting trees, designating under- ground electrical and water lines.	4	60	\$40,592
Hearst	Parks	Nagagamisis Provincial Park	Removing dead trees from grounds. Refinishing washrooms and replacing worn equipment. Ren- ovating both the interior and exterior of the Superintendent's residence.	3	57	\$37,329
Kirkland Lake	Parks	Kap-Kig-Iwan Provincial Park	Upgrading park: repairing roofs, privies, park tables; removing dead trees; improving trails and fixing fireplace grills.	5	80	\$39,639



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ATLANTIC SALMON
TO BE STOCKED
IN LAKE ONTARIO



Ontario's first Atlantic salmon hatchery project in more than a century has begun with the delivery of salmon eggs from the United States and Scotland, Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio announced today.

"These eggs represent the first stage of a five-year pilot study to determine the feasibility of re-introducing the Atlantic salmon to Lake Ontario," Mr. Kerrio said. "Many years ago, the Atlantic salmon was native to Lake Ontario. I am excited at the prospect of being able to play a part in re-establishing this, the king of game fish."

The salmon eggs, acquired from Maine and New York states, and Scotland, will be hatched and raised at the Normandale Fish Culture Station, near Simcoe in southwestern Ontario.

The first batch of 2,500 eggs -- a landlocked strain from New York -- was delivered in late December. A second, larger shipment of eggs -- 50,000 of a sea-run strain from Maine -- was delivered today. A third shipment of 30,000 eggs from Scotland will arrive at the Normandale station tomorrow.

The fish will be kept until they have reached the yearling or smolt stage, and then released in selected tributary streams along Lake Ontario's north shore in 1988. Mature salmon are expected to return to their home streams to spawn in 1992.

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"This important project has got off to a quick start thanks to the new resident sport fishing licence," said Mr. Kerrio. "Advance funding from the licence accelerated the acquisition of eggs and the construction of a salmon quarantine facility at the Normandale hatchery."

Lake Ontario was once home to the Atlantic salmon. Rivers and streams along the north shore supported large runs of spawning salmon.

Agricultural and urban development, however, led to erosion, pollution and overfishing. Spawning habitat was ruined, and Atlantic salmon numbers decreased.

In 1865, Samuel Wilmot -- Ontario's first aquaculturist -- attempted to restore salmon populations. He stripped eggs from spawning salmon and hatched them in the cellar of his home in Newcastle.

Wilmot planted salmon into Lake Ontario's tributaries and, with government assistance, continued fish plantings for many years.

Despite these efforts, salmon decreased until they disappeared in the 1890s.

In the last decade, spawning and nursery habitat in Lake Ontario tributaries have been rehabilitated. Pacific salmon, rainbow and brown trout -- introduced into Lake Ontario in the last few decades -- now spawn successfully in streams that were once home to Atlantic salmon.

"I look forward to the day when Atlantic salmon are again swimming in Lake Ontario, and providing fishing excitement for Ontario anglers," Mr. Kerrio said.

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ATTORNEY-GENERAL EXPRESSES
REGRET OVER ANISHNABAI DECISION
TO PURSUE COURT ACTION

Attorney-General Ian Scott, Minister Responsible for Native Affairs, said yesterday he profoundly regrets the decision of the Teme-Augama Anishnabai to reject the Ontario Government's offer to negotiate their land claim and their decision to pursue the matter through the courts.

"I was hopeful that the matter could be resolved by negotiations to the benefit of all," said Mr. Scott. "And I had received the personal commitment of the Hon. William McKnight, federal Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development that the government of Canada would be involved."

Gary Potts, Chief of the Teme-Augama Anishnabai, informed the Ontario government last month that he had rejected Ontario's offer to negotiate the settlement of an Indian land claim in the Lake Temagami area.

Ontario had offered the band \$30-million, including an option to take the equivalent of up to \$15-million worth of Crown land in the area. The offer was conditional on the federal Government picking up 50 per cent of the cost.

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MINISTER APPROVES
BRICKYARD EXPROPRIATION
BY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY



February 17, 1987

Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio today approved an application by the Metropolitan Toronto and Region Conservation Authority to expropriate the Toronto Brickyard property in the Don Valley.

"I am satisfied that this expropriation is fair and sound, and is necessary to meet the objectives of the conservation authority," said Mr. Kerrio. "The expropriation is being made to preserve a natural resource which provides open space and flood control benefits."

The Toronto Brickyard property, approximately 18 hectares (44 acres) situated north of the Bayview Avenue extension, contains a large quarry which has been excavated to provide materials for the manufacturing of bricks. The quarrying operation has ceased and Torvalley Development Limited, the registered owner, had proposed filling of the quarry and development of the site.

According to the inquiry that followed, the filling of this and other sites in the valley would significantly affect the area's natural ability to control flooding in the Don Valley.

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The MTRCA's watershed policy is to acquire lands where no other means of protection are available, and where provincial and municipal funds can be made available.

Torvalley had requested a hearing on the need for expropriation in January 1986, a month after MTRCA had made the application to expropriate. The recommendations of the inquiry officer's report were that the expropriation is necessary because of the property's natural resources.

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EDITORS: Copies of the Minister's formal decision and recommendations from the inquiry officer are available from Patti Skrypek at the ministry's Communications Services Branch at (416) 963-2385.

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TWO RESEARCH CENTRES
TO BE TOGETHER
IN SAULT STE. MARIE

February 17, 1987

Federal and provincial forest specialists will eventually work side by side in one research centre in Sault Ste. Marie.

Ontario Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio and Gerald Merrithew, federal Minister of State for Forestry and Mines, announced today that MNR will build its new research centre on the grounds of the Canadian Forestry Service's Great Lakes Forestry Centre in Sault Ste. Marie.

The research centre will house offices and labs for the Ontario Tree Improvement and Forest Biomass Institute (OTIFBI) and Pest Control Section. "This new location will put MNR specialists in a perfect position to work closely with their federal counterparts in forestry projects of mutual concern," Mr. Kerrio said. "This will give a real boost to the research -- as well as to the economy of Sault Ste. Marie."

Mr. Merrithew agreed: "This will allow close co-ordination of the research programs of both governments and will enhance their contribution to Ontario's forestry sector."

"As co-ordinator for the planning, design and construction of this project, my ministry will do everything possible to ensure its earliest completion," said Sean Conway, Acting Minister of Government Services.

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The new centre is part of the Ontario government's northern initiatives program to decentralize ministry and agency head offices from Toronto to various locations in northern Ontario to strengthen resource-dependent communities in those areas.

The ministry's Toronto-based Forest Resources Group will also move to a new building in Sault Ste. Marie along with the ministry's Aviation and Fire Management Centre (which is already located in Sault Ste. Marie). That building -- located in the downtown core -- will also house the Ontario Lottery Corporation and the Solicitor General's Centre of Forensic Sciences.

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February 23, 1987

ST. CATHARINES GAME AND FISH CLUB
GETS \$44,000 CHEQUE
FROM MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Ontario Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio today presented members of the St. Catharines Game and Fish Association with a cheque for \$44,000 to cover half the cost of a public boat-launching ramp in the city.

"Outdoor recreation is a valuable resource for Ontario, and I'm pleased that the province is able to help pay for the start of what I know will become a very worthwhile and popular facility," Mr. Kerrio said.

The four-lane concrete and steel ramp was built last year on land at Michigan Avenue at Port Dalhousie.

The association rents the property from the City of St. Catharines, and offers public boat launching at fees similar to those being charged elsewhere in the area.

Mr. Kerrio said that funds for the grant came from "one of several programs my ministry has which lets us help people who are willing to invest time and energy to provide better access to a valuable recreational resource."

Founded on March 8, 1930, the St. Catharines Game and Fish Association has more than 2,000 members. Each spring, they sponsor an annual salmon fishing derby, which this year will run from April 17 to May 17.

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NATURAL RESOURCES MINISTER
ANNOUNCES 1987 FUNDING
FOR CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES

The Lakehead Region Conservation Authority has been granted \$608,829 to undertake various water management, conservation and recreation projects within its watershed for 1987, Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio announced today.

This funding is part of an overall total of \$41.3-million in 1987 provincial grants to the 38 conservation authorities in Ontario.

Mr. Kerrio noted that this represents a four per cent increase over the 1986 level of grants, which are provided for capital projects as well as for general administration. He also noted that such an increase is fully in line with adjustments to the 1986 funding levels for all agencies which receive provincial transfer payments.

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NATURAL RESOURCES MINISTER
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FOR CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES

The Mattagami Region Conservation Authority has been granted \$418,434 to undertake various water management, conservation and recreation projects within its watershed for 1987, Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio announced today.

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For the conservation authorities located within the ministry's southwestern region, the funding has been allocated as follows:

Ausable-Bayfield C.A.	\$ 833,769
Catfish Creek C.A.	\$ 428,132
Essex Region C.A.	\$ 1,020,656
Grey-Sauble C.A.	\$ 857,846
Kettle Creek C.A.	\$ 248,271
Long Point C.A.	\$ 438,560
Lower Thames Valley C.A.	\$ 506,817
Maitland Valley C.A.	\$ 1,304,987
Saugeen Valley C.A.	\$ 1,095,492
St. Clair Region C.A.	\$ 840,900
Upper Thames River C.A.	\$ 1,273,222

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Cataragui Region C.A.	\$ 450,615
Crowe Valley C.A.	\$ 216,889
Lower Trent Region C.A.	\$ 747,618
Mississippi Valley C.A.	\$ 580,810
Moir River C.A.	\$ 1,239,209
Napanee Region C.A.	\$ 340,485
Prince Edward Region C.A.	\$ 276,215
Raisin Region C.A.	\$ 437,892
Rideau Valley C.A.	\$ 774,975
South Nation River C.A.	\$ 683,062

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For the conservation authorities located within the ministry's central region, the funding has been allocated as follows:

Central Lake Ontario C.A.	\$ 580,106
Credit Valley C.A.	\$ 1,684,570
Ganaraska Region C.A.	\$ 351,233
Grand River C.A.	\$ 6,506,504
Halton Region C.A.	\$ 1,999,289
Hamilton Region C.A.	\$ 1,303,221
Kawartha Region C.A.	\$ 268,329
Lake Simcoe Region C.A.	\$ 738,479
Metro Toronto and Region C.A.	\$ 7,131,961
Niagara Peninsula C.A.	\$ 984,981
Nottawasaga Valley C.A.	\$ 674,510
Otonabee Region C.A.	\$ 496,682

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For the conservation authorities located within the ministry's northeastern region, the funding has been allocated as follows:

Sault Ste. Marie C.A.	\$ 691,903
North Bay-Mattawa C.A.	\$ 779,586
Nickel District C.A.	\$ 593,470

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NATURAL RESOURCES MINISTRY
ANNOUNCES RESULTS OF DRAW
FOR WILD TURKEY HUNT

One thousand hunters have been given the opportunity to participate in Ontario's first wild turkey hunt since the early 1900s.

The names were selected from a field of more than 1,400 licenced small-game hunters who entered a random validation tag draw. The draw was conducted by Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources officials, who say that successful applicants will be notified by March 1, 1987.

"In this hunt, primarily male turkeys -- will be taken," Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio said. "Each male breeds with several females, so the reproductive potential of the population will not be reduced by the hunt."

The results of the wild turkey re-introduction program in the Napanee area have been very encouraging. Mr. Kerrio said an estimated population of up to 2,000 birds could be present this spring.

Hunters who are notified they qualify will be required to attend one of several planned hunting seminars. These will be located at several central locations and are sponsored by the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters. After this seminar, they must pass an MNR wild turkey hunter examination before they can buy their \$12 validation tag.

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The hunt will be held in the Napanee area from Monday,
May 4 to Saturday, May 9, and again from May 11 to May 16.

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CANADA/ONTARIO JOB CREATION PROGRAM

March 4, 1987

**EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM
CREATES SHORT-TERM JOBS
IN SOUTHWESTERN ONTARIO**

A federal-provincial job creation program will allow 21 workers in southwestern Ontario to help improve forestry projects and upgrade conservation areas.

The projects provide the workers an average of 13 weeks each for such activities as silviculture management, pruning trees, road maintenance, and documentation of wetland areas. The total cost of \$140,731 will be shared by the federal and provincial governments as well as project sponsors.

"This type of job creation program helps Ontario to improve both the forestry sector and our conservation areas, as well as giving workers some timely employment," said Ontario Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio.

The projects also include the construction of washroom and shower facilities for the public at two conservation areas in the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority watershed near Strathroy.

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"Job creation is vital to our economy. Reducing our rate of unemployment with this type of project is of benefit to us all," said Benoit Bouchard, federal Minister of Employment and Immigration.

The federal-provincial job creation program is jointly funded by Employment and Immigration Canada and the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, which also administers the program. Project areas include fisheries, wildlife, parks, mines, forestry and conservation authorities.

The federal government provides workers with unemployment insurance benefits plus a supplement to a maximum of \$318 a week. The Ministry of Natural Resources provides support costs as well as equipment and materials. The ministry may also provide a wage supplement to match prevailing wage rates.

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SPECIAL EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM APPROVALS FOR SOUTHWESTERN ONTARIO

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>WORKERS</u>	<u>WEEKS</u>	<u>TOTAL COST</u>
St. Williams Forest Station	Forestry	Township of Norfolk	Forest access road maintenance, silviculture management work, and upgrading of the forest station headquarters.	6	48	24,212
Owen Sound	Forestry	Grey County	Pruning and tending of trees at plantation to encourage better-formed trees, and the piling of brush and tree limbs in wildlife areas to help develop proper habitats for wildlife.	8	72	27,240
Aylmer	Conservation Authority	St. Clair Region Conservation Authority	Documenting wetland areas in the conservation authority watershed.	3	48	20,701
Chatham	Conservation Authority	St. Clair Region Conservation	Constructing washroom and shower facilities at A.W. Campbell and Warwick Conservation Areas.	4	96	68,578



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REVIEW OF MOOSE HUNTER
OPPORTUNITIES IN THE
SELECTIVE HARVEST SYSTEM

In response to hunters' questions, the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources has initiated a review of its system of allocating moose hunter opportunities within the provincial selective harvest system.

"The review will focus on the availability of hunter opportunities for adult moose, the fairness of the adult tag distribution system, and the opportunities to enjoy the hunt," Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio said.

The moose harvest in Ontario is presently managed by a selective harvest program, introduced in 1983, in response to a declining moose population. The selective harvest allows managers to place limits on the harvest of adult moose.

The moose population is increasing in many areas of the province under this program. However, there are still areas where the population is not responding. Also, many hunters have indicated that they think there should be more opportunities to hunt for adult moose by now.

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To begin the review process, MNR staff are compiling a background report detailing the problems and a number of possible solutions.

Regional user group committees, including members of hunting associations and outfitters, will review the report and make recommendations.

Once the ministry staff and the committee members reach a consensus, a set of possible solutions will be put before the public. When a preferred solution is determined, it could be in place for the 1988 moose hunt.

Currently, adult moose hunting opportunities are allocated through a draw system which gives preference to those hunters who had applied unsuccessfully the previous year.

The number of adult moose tags available in the draw for a given wildlife management unit is based on the allowable harvest for the unit. In more popular units, the demand for adult tags far exceeds the number available, and even with the pooling system, many hunters have not yet been successful in obtaining an adult tag. All purchasers of moose licences, however, can hunt moose calves.

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SECOND TRANSFER SUCCESSFULLY RELOCATES 29 ONTARIO MOOSE

Twenty-nine moose recently transferred from Ontario's Algonquin Provincial Park are now roaming through dense bush near Marquette, Michigan, orienting themselves to a whole new environment.

Meanwhile, wildlife specialists from Ontario's Ministry of Natural Resources and Michigan's Department of Natural Resources are celebrating their second successful moose transfer -- which, it is hoped, will lead to the establishment of a new moose herd of about 1,000 animals in Michigan by the year 2000.

"This second operation continues to show the great international co-operation and the strong urge to re-establish species that can exist between jurisdictions," said Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio.

An initial transfer of another 29 Ontario moose in 1985 re-introduced the animals to Michigan's Upper Peninsula. However, wildlife biologists felt more animals (especially bulls) were needed because the low initial number of bulls (10), plus subsequent losses, resulted in only half the cows breeding and producing calves last year.

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The second transfer of moose -- 15 bulls and 14 cows -- was undertaken as an "insurance" transfer to make sure reproduction will continue in the new herd. The recent transfer, which ran for nine days in the first two weeks of February, brings the moose count in Michigan up to 77 with more on the way come calving time this spring. Virtually all of the transferred moose were found to be pregnant.

The moose lift in Algonquin Park was a large operation involving over 40 wildlife professionals including veterinarians, technicians and biologists. After moose were spotted from helicopters and tranquillized, they were flown to a base station, inspected by a team of specialists, then carefully loaded into individual crates for the non-stop truck ride to Michigan.

Two moose died in Algonquin Park and another in Michigan due to drug and stress-related problems. Some losses of this nature are inevitable in the transfer of large animals.

"We can attribute the low mortality rate, as regrettable as any mortality is, to the professionalism of the well-prepared moose lift team," said Algonquin Park Superintendent George Whitney.

The transfer operation cost \$80,000 U.S. and is being paid for by the State of Michigan and from public donations. The moose involved represent less than one per cent of the Algonquin herd of 4,000.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Photographs of the moose lift are available by contacting Heather Bickle at Communications Services Branch at (416) 963-1325.

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CANADA/ONTARIO JOB CREATION PROGRAM

March 6, 1987

EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM CREATES SHORT-TERM JOBS IN CENTRAL ONTARIO

A federal-provincial job creation program will allow 27 workers in central Ontario to help improve the public's awareness of forests and conservation areas.

The workers will be employed an average of 11 weeks each. Projects which include a study of landowner contracts to negotiate services such as stream improvement, water quality sampling and agriculture erosion control, reorganization of forestry records, and promotion of conservation areas through the upgrading of nature trails and maintenance on buildings and grounds. The total cost of \$146,429 will be shared by the federal and provincial governments as well as project sponsors.

"Not only do these projects create jobs, but the promotion and improvement of conservation areas will be of service to the public," said Ontario Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio.

The projects will also include the establishment of a Norway spruce seed production area in Simcoe County.

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March 1987

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Huronia	Forestry	County of Simcoe	Establishment of a Norway spruce seed production area.	5	30	16,482
Maple	Forestry	Ontario Forestry Association	Enhance forest awareness program by constructing and replacing forest signs, reorganizing and updating forestry library records, and non-commercial silviculture work.	11	88	42,133
Lindsay	Conservation Authority	Otonabee Region Conservation Authority	Upgrading and promoting conservation areas to provide better service and increase public awareness for the purpose of developing tourism in the areas.	5	85	36,869
Maple	Conservation Authority	Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority	Studying various aspects of contracts with landowners in watershed area, and initiating projects involving landowners.	6	102	50,945



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CANADA/ONTARIO JOB CREATION PROGRAM

March 6, 1987

**EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM
CREATES SHORT-TERM JOBS
IN EASTERN ONTARIO**

A project to help develop faster growing trees for Ontario's forests is one of four projects in eastern Ontario funded through a federal-provincial special employment program.

The projects will give 22 laid-off workers close to an average of 10 weeks of employment each. The total cost of \$104,604 will be shared by the federal and provincial governments as well as project sponsors.

"The work in plant genetics, and the documentation of detailed site information taking place in these projects will help with future forest management decisions in Ontario," said Ontario Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio.

The projects also include cleaning and thinning tree stands for seed collection, as well as removing competing vegetation in stands to encourage natural regeneration of trees.

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SPECIAL EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM APPROVALS FOR EASTERN ONTARIO

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<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>WORKERS</u>	<u>WEEKS</u>	<u>TOTAL COST</u>
Carleton Place	Forestry	County of Lanark	Operational cruising to obtain detailed tree stand and site information.	4	44	18,422
Brockville	Forestry	C.R. Silversides Forestry Consultant Ltd.	Assisting in the collection and breeding of plant materials.	6	60	38,130
Tweed	Forestry	Municipality of Clarendon	Removal of competing vegetation in white pine stands to allow natural regeneration and release of the trees.	6	42	25,404
Carleton Place	Forestry	Rideau Valley Conservation Authority	Cleaning and thinning of white pine and white spruce stands for seed collection and production.	6	66	22,648



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NATURAL RESOURCES MINISTRY DELAYS
SKAMANIA INTRODUCTION PROGRAM
TO 1989



March 10, 1987

A sport fisheries initiative launched by the Ministry of Natural Resources as a result of funds from the sale of the new Ontario resident sport fishing licence has been postponed by one year.

Ontario was to receive 50,000 to 70,000 Skamania eggs from Indiana for rearing at the Normandale hatchery on Lake Erie near Simcoe for the subsequent stocking of up to 50,000 yearlings in Owen Sound and Colpoys Bays.

Ministry officials received word late last week that Indiana had only 15,000 to 20,000 low quality eggs available, offering a maximum potential of only 10,000 to 13,000 yearlings.

After the egg collection had been completed, two bacteria, the causative agents of furunculosis and enteric redmouth disease, were found in the adult fish used to provide the eggs.

John Lambie, resource management supervisor of the Ministry's Owen Sound office, said today that the original plan was to bring certified disease-free eggs to Normandale.

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"Because they were not able to be certified, they would have had to stay in quarantine at Normandale for a minimum of 10 months, lowering the hatchery's potential fish production capability by up to 150,000 yearlings." The Normandale hatchery is one of the ministry's major producers of rainbow trout.

Skamania yearlings will now be introduced into Georgian Bay in 1989 rather than 1988.

In place of Skamania, the ministry will stock 50,000 brown trout into Owen Sound and Colpoys Bays in the spring of 1988.

Skamania is a strain of rainbow trout that should be popular in providing an inshore/river sport fishery during the summer months, a time when most trout and salmon fishing is limited to deep waters in the Great Lakes.

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ORAL RABIES VACCINE
FOR WILD FOXES
PERFORMS WELL IN TESTS

Ontario has moved a giant step closer to its goal of reducing rabies in wildlife. In tests of a new oral vaccine last fall, 53 per cent of 94 foxes which ate the vaccine-laced bait, distributed by aircraft over Huron County, were successfully immunized.

"That was the first time in North America that wild foxes have been vaccinated in the field," Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio said. "We have worked a long time to achieve this."

A test drop in 1984, using bait laced with a chemical marker instead of vaccine was even more successful. Of 86 foxes trapped and examined later, 71 per cent were found to have eaten the bait.

In last fall's live vaccine bait drop, each bait consisted of a three-centimetre cube of sponge, coated with a mixture of wax and tallow. Fourteen millilitres -- about three teaspoons -- of the vaccine were injected into the sponges. The sponges, along with a tablespoon of pureed liver and a small ball of ground beef to attract animals, were dropped by air in plastic sandwich bags.

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The baits were made by Dr. Ken Lawson and his team at Connaught Laboratories in Downsview, and were dropped in a pattern over 760 square kilometres of Huron County on September 25, 1986.

Trappers in Huron and Grey counties were enlisted to provide MNR staff with carcasses and blood samples of foxes, skunks and raccoons. The blood samples were tested for the rabies antibody by Dr. Jim Campbell's laboratory at the University of Toronto.

"This was a real team effort," Mr. Kerrio said. "Everyone has a stake in reducing rabies, and the co-operation on this project is exceptional. I am especially pleased to see individuals, industry, governments and universities all involved together. The support from Huron County residents and local officials made the whole operation run smoothly."

In the experiment, 61 per cent of the foxes in the baited area ate at least one of the vaccine-laced sponges, and 53 per cent of them were immunized. That meant that 32 per cent of the total population was protected.

Many of the baits were picked up by foxes within a few days. The number of foxes vaccinated will likely be higher as the method is improved.

"We have a busy year coming up," said Dr. Andrew Rhodes, chairman of MNR's Rabies Advisory Committee. "The baits need improvement, and we need to learn how to mass produce them." In the experimental phase, the baits are handmade.

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Once the method is perfected, MNR researchers anticipate that rabies in wildlife can be reduced by scattering such bait widely in areas where there is a high incidence of the disease.

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NATURAL RESOURCES MINISTRY
UPGRADES PROVINCIAL PARKS
FOR SUMMER SEASON

Ontario's provincial parks will be getting more than a new coat of paint for the busy summer season as a result of the decision to provide \$7.1-million in extra funding for new equipment and renovations, Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio announced today.

Supplementary funding for 92 parks located throughout the province will be used to control shoreline erosion, upgrade visitor facilities, replace worn out water and sewage systems, rehabilitate campsites and purchase generators, chain saws, compressors, beach cleaners and lawn mowers.

"The parks projects will create more than 6,000 weeks of work -- that's equal to 750 people getting two months of work each," Mr. Kerrio said. "And when the renovations are finished, visitors will find a noticeable improvement in the services our parks have to offer."

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Major renovations to parks include: shoreline erosion protection and cleanup at Wasaga Beach and Craigleith Provincial Parks on Georgian Bay; solar water heating equipment for comfort stations in the Chutes, Pancake Bay, Halfway Lake, Restoule, Samuel de Champlain, Marten River, White Lake, and Obatanga Provincial Parks; design and installation of wall displays in Quetico Provincial Park's Visitor Services Building; and new or upgraded comfort stations in Sibbald Point, Rock Point, Presqu'île and Bon Echo Parks.

Other ministry programs receiving supplementary dollars are surveys and mapping, conservation authorities, aviation and fire management and forest resources.

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CANADA/ONTARIO JOB CREATION PROGRAM

March 19, 1987

**EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM
CREATES SHORT-TERM JOBS
IN SOUTHWESTERN ONTARIO**

A job creation program, jointly funded by the federal and provincial governments, will allow 16 unemployed workers in southwestern Ontario to gain experience in projects ranging from making improvements at two provincial parks to carrying out research on forest stands in two conservation areas.

The four projects provide the workers with an average of 45 weeks of work each at a total cost of \$74,696.

"The money is well spent," said Ontario Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio. "It is very satisfying to see these projects strengthen people's useful, marketable skills through experience doing needed work."

The people will be put to work in projects which will improve campsites and other facilities at Long Point and Turkey Point Provincial Parks. The other two projects involve surveys to determine the extent of forest stands in the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority and the Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority.

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"Decreasing the current unemployment levels requires the combined efforts of the federal and provincial governments," said Benoit Bouchard, federal Minister of Employment and Immigration. "Working together we can improve long-term employment opportunities."

Under the Unemployment Insurance job creation program, the federal government provides workers with their regular UI benefits, plus a supplement, to a maximum of \$318 a week.

The federal-provincial job creation initiative is jointly funded by Employment and Immigration Canada and the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources. Project areas include fisheries, wildlife, parks, lands, forestry and conservation authorities.

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SPECIAL EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM APPROVALS FOR SOUTHWESTERN ONTARIO

MARCH 1987

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>PROJECT SPONSOR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>WORKERS</u>	<u>WEEKS</u>	<u>COST</u>
Simcoe	Parks	Turkey Point and District Business Association	Picnic table repair, landscaping, upgrading and replacing water tap pedestals, re-roofing of office building and painting maintenance building at Turkey Point Provincial Park.	5	65	23,404
Owen Sound	Forestry	Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority	Carrying out an inventory of timber in forest stands to identify tree species and project annual growth.	3	30	15,320
Chatham	Forestry	Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority	Collecting of information to determine amount of wood for fuel. Tending of tree plantations.	3	30	15,938
Simcoe	Parks	Township of Norfolk	Rebuilding of floating dock, renovations on several buildings, planting of dune grass for dune erosion control at Long Point Provincial Park.	5	60	20,034



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NATURAL RESOURCES MINISTRY
ANNOUNCES EXTRA FUNDING
FOR PROGRAMS

Programs dealing with everything from tending young tree plantations in northern Ontario to analysing high-resolution satellite mapping data have been given a \$10.5-million shot in the arm, Ontario Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio announced today.

The funding is part of \$18-million which was recently added to the ministry's budget for additional resource management projects this year. The remaining \$7.1-million is being used to upgrade provincial parks..

"The projects have not only meant better resource management, they have created hundreds of much-needed jobs," Mr. Kerrio said.

A \$3-million initiative involving thinning, pruning, and collecting data on 70,000 hectares of forest stands from North Bay to Kenora created approximately 700 seasonal jobs for a total of 5,000 work weeks. Young tree plantations must be tended regularly to remove competing vegetation so they can reach a more mature stage, thereby ensuring a steady supply of wood for forest industries.

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Almost \$2-million was used to purchase updated radio and navigational equipment for the ministry's vehicles and airfleet. The work is being co-ordinated and carried out by the Aviation and Fire Management Centre.

Multi-channel radios, which are also able to access the telephone system, will replace the obsolete models in MNR vehicles. This will allow faster response times during emergencies, and provide radio base stations with 24-hour-a-day operation.

The 30 aircraft in the ministry's fleet will be fitted with Loran C navigational equipment. This navigation system will provide pilots with accurate information to permit more direct-route flying, and will result in savings in time and fuel.

The Credit Valley Conservation Authority is buying three properties along the Credit Valley from the City of Mississauga. Pressures to develop the land, and the risk of flooding and erosion should development occur, prompted the approximately \$3-million acquisition. Under the conservation authority's jurisdiction, the 45-hectare stretch between Dundas Street and Meadowvale Drive will remain in its natural state.

A total of \$2.5-million is being used to purchase computer hardware and software, for contracts for surveying northern Ontario townships, and to augment the digital mapping program.

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At the Ontario Centre for Remote Sensing, the new computer equipment will allow employees to analyse high-resolution data from the French satellite SPOT. This information will keep the centre abreast of the latest developments in remote sensing technology.

More and newer maps of northern Ontario will be available to resource users as a result of contracts awarded to local surveying firms. Approximately 300 work weeks -- equal to two months of work for 43 otherwise laid-off employees -- are being created by the contracts.

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OUTDOOR WRITER
MARY MASTIN WINS
GREG CLARK AWARD

Mary Mastin, a freelance outdoor writer from Willowdale, Ont., has won the 1986 Greg Clark Outdoor Writing Award. Pesticides in Our Woodlands was published in the January/February 1986 issue of Ontario Angler and Hunter magazine.

The Greg Clark Award is sponsored by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources. It commemorates the late Greg Clark, a conservationist and outdoorsman whose career as a newspaperman, columnist, humorist and teller-of-tall-tales covered some 60 years.

Mastin's winning entry deals with the Ontario government's aerial spraying program to control severe infestations of budworm and gypsy moth in the province's forests. She explains the rationale for using both chemical and biological sprays, and discusses the strong opposition to chemical spraying voiced by anti-spraying activists.

"I congratulate Mary Mastin on her well-researched article," said Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio. "It gives a concise, detailed and highly informative account of Ontario's aerial spraying project and the controversy surrounding it."

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Mary Mastin will receive the \$500 cash award from the Minister on April 30 at the Toronto Press Club, together with a plaque engraved with her name. Her name will also be added to a larger plaque on permanent display at the club.

This year's award judges were Greg Clark Jr., the late Greg Clark's son and a retired school principal; Jack Davis, a former editor of Angler and Hunter magazine and an executive director of Outdoor Writers of Canada; Bob Defries, retired MNR staff writer, and Grant Mulholland, a former media liaison officer with MNR.

The Greg Clark Outdoor Writing Award competition is open to Canadian writers who have had a newspaper or magazine article about the Ontario outdoors published within the last year.

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CANADA/ONTARIO JOB CREATION PROGRAM

EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM
CREATES SHORT-TERM JOBS
IN NORTHERN ONTARIO



March 24, 1987

A job creation program jointly funded by the federal and provincial governments will allow 13 unemployed workers in northern Ontario to gain experience in three projects, including the upgrading of facilities in Rene Brunelle Provincial Park near Kapuskasing.

The projects provide the workers with an average of 12 weeks of work each at a total cost of \$118,061.

"There are two main benefits resulting from such projects," said Ontario Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio. "They help retain skilled labor in local communities, and they contribute to a better understanding of our resources."

The people on the other two projects will be put to work collecting pine and spruce cones in recent cutover areas in the Chapleau District, and building shades for nursery seedbeds for the Town of Kirkland Lake.

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"During times of economic uncertainty, it is often difficult to keep communities intact," said Benoit Bouchard, federal Minister of Employment and Immigration. "This program offers the chance to keep communities together by employing laid-off local workers."

Under the Unemployment Insurance job creation program, the federal government provides workers with their regular UI benefits plus a supplement, to a maximum of \$318 a week.

The federal-provincial job creation initiative is jointly funded by Employment and Immigration Canada and the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources. Project areas include fisheries, wildlife, parks, lands, forestry and conservation authorities.

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SPECIAL EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM FOR NORTHERN ONTARIO

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<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>PROJECT SPONSOR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>WORKERS</u>	<u>WEEKS</u>	<u>COST</u>
Chapleau	Forestry	A & L Lafreniere	Collection of jackpine and and black spruce cones in areas recently cut.	6	78	39,777
Kirkland Lake	Forestry	Town of Kirkland Lake	Construction of shades to cover nursery seedbeds.	4	48	62,580
Kapuskasing	Parks	Municipality of Moonbeam	Repairs and paint for picnic tables, painting of other structures, removal of dangerous trees to be turned into firewood at Rene Brunelle Provincial Park.	3	30	15,704



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EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM
CREATES SHORT-TERM JOBS
IN NORTHEASTERN ONTARIO

A job creation program jointly funded by the federal and provincial governments will help 16 unemployed workers in northeastern Ontario gain experience on forestry and parks projects.

The projects provide the workers with an average of 13 weeks of work each at a total cost of \$82,866.

"The money is well spent," said Ontario Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio. "It is very satisfying to see these projects strengthen people's useful, marketable skills through experience doing needed work."

The people will be put to work updating forest management records such as maps, charts and computer systems for the Regional Municipality of Sudbury and in making improvements to facilities at Chutes Provincial Park in Espanola District. In the third project, workers will clear brush to create a seed tree orchard in Kirkwood Township in the Blind River District.

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"Using Unemployment Insurance funds to support such federal-provincial initiatives is essential," said Benoit Bouchard, federal Employment and Immigration Minister. "Our workers, our communities, and ultimately our economy will be the benefactors of this program."

Under the UI job creation program, the federal government provides workers with their regular UI benefits plus a supplement, to a maximum of \$318 a week.

The federal-provincial job creation initiative is jointly funded by Employment and Immigration Canada and the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources. Project areas include fisheries, wildlife, parks, lands, forestry and conservation authorities.

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SPECIAL EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM APPROVALS FOR NORTHEASTERN ONTARIO

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Sudbury	Forestry	Municipality of Sudbury	Filing of photos and silvicultural records; reproduction of maps for timber areas and adding information to computer for timber management planning.	3	36	18,048
Blind River	Forestry	Wharcliffe Citizens Committee	Clearing of brush and trees to create a seed tree orchard and pruning of white pine.	10	130	49,776
Espanola	Parks	Town of Massey	Repairs to park equipment and pruning of tree limbs to permit unrestricted access by campers throughout Chutes Provincial Park.	3	36	15,042



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STUDENTS FOCUSING
ON SUCCESSES DURING
NATIONAL WILDLIFE WEEK

Public school students throughout Ontario will be taking the positive approach to wildlife conservation this month by studying conservation success stories.

To mark National Wildlife Week -- April 5 to 11 -- the Ministry of Natural Resources is distributing special wildlife education kits to 16,500 Grades 4, 5 and 6 teachers and outdoor or environmental education centres in the province.

As in past years, the kits have been produced especially for National Wildlife Week by the Canadian Wildlife Federation. The kit is available in French and English and includes a 24-page workbook, a color poster and other resource material.

Based on this year's theme "Join Hands in Conservation -- Wildlife Needs You", the kit is organized around Canada's wildlife conservation success stories, and emphasizes the involvement of individuals in wildlife conservation.

"I think it's important that young people learn that there are challenges, but they are not impossible to overcome -- that others have done it, and so can they," said Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio.

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Mr. Kerrio said MNR staff will visit schools throughout the month of April to stress that conservation involves the wise management and wise use of wildlife resources.

He said the ministry's conservationist of the month award program that recognizes great individual achievements is already putting the spotlight on people that serve as excellent role models for young conservationists.

The monthly conservationist award is part of another national program -- Wildlife '87 -- in honor of the 100th anniversary of the founding of what became the Last Mountain Lake Bird Sanctuary in Saskatchewan in 1887, the first wildlife sanctuary in the western hemisphere.

This year in Ontario, the wild turkey -- one of North America's most challenging game birds -- has been chosen as the 1987 symbol of National Wildlife Week. The wild turkey became extinct in Ontario about a century ago. But in 1984, turkeys from the U.S. were re-introduced through a co-operative effort that involved MNR, the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters and other conservationists.

The object of the project was to restore a part of our natural heritage, and to establish a healthy population of the bird for viewing and hunting opportunities. The re-introduction was so successful, the ministry is able to allow a controlled hunt for the birds this year in the Napanee district.

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Established in 1947, National Wildlife Week is always held during the week containing April 10, the birthdate of Canada's Father of Conservation, Jack Miner. Mr. Miner, who died in 1944 at the age of 79, was one of the world's best known wildlife conservationists.

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1987 MOOSE TAG QUOTAS
INCREASE IN MANY AREAS
THROUGHOUT ONTARIO

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources has announced that a quota of 38,127 validation tags to hunt adult moose will be issued in Ontario this year under the Selective Harvest Program. Moose hunters have until May 15 to enter the draw for adult moose validation tags.

"Tag quotas are the same or have increased in 54 of 68 Wildlife Management Units with a moose hunting season," Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio said today.

The largest increase in available tags will be in northwestern Ontario, where tag quotas have increased by 645.

Moose hunters are encouraged to apply for tags in those areas where they have a good chance of receiving a tag. Some Wildlife Management Units are consistently oversubscribed in the draw and the chances of receiving a tag in those units can be minimal. However there are many other units where tags go unallocated due to a lack of applications.

The 1987 Moose Hunter fact sheet, which will soon be available at licence issuers and MNR district offices, will give last year's unit by unit draw statistics as well as the 1987 quotas for adult validation tags.

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Tag quotas will decrease this year in 14 management units, by a total of 1,720 tags. Overall, 4.3 per cent fewer tag quotas will be issued across the province in 1987 than in 1986.

The reasons for the decrease in quotas vary between the units affected, but it is often because there is a low moose population in those areas or because hunters in those units had previous success rates that were higher than anticipated.

In the Thunder Bay area (Unit 13), for example, tags have decreased this year by 370 because the moose herd is not increasing. The area is subject to heavy hunting pressure and has experienced higher than planned rates of harvest every year since the inception of the selective harvest program in 1983. Last year the harvest in this area was 40 per cent higher than planned due to higher than anticipated hunter success rates.

"There will be no changes this year in the methods used to allocate bull and cow tags," Mr. Kerrio said. "However, the allocation process is being reviewed and we will be consulting with hunters this spring in an effort to determine whether or not a better, more equitable, opportunity is available for people to participate in the hunt."

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Mr. Kerrio said the selective harvest program is working and the moose population is increasing in many parts of the province. "As the population increases, there will be more opportunities for moose hunters to obtain adult validation tags."

Applications for the moose tag draw must be received at the Ministry of Natural Resources' Wildlife Branch -- Surveys and Records, or at any MNR District Office by 5 p.m. Friday, May 15, 1987, to be eligible for the draw.

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EDITORS: A list of 1987 moose tag quotas is attached.

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1987 MOOSE TAG QUOTAS

	W.M.U.	BULL	COW	TOTAL
N O R T H W E S T	1C	2,025	675	2,700
	2 GUN	280	80	360
	2 BOW	10	10	20
	3 GUN	500	110	610
	3 BOW	30	10	40
	4 GUN	285	140	425
	4 BOW	10	10	20
	5 GUN	410	230	640
	5 BOW	30	10	40
	6 GUN	95	45	140
	6 BOW	10	10	20
	*7A	125	65	190
	7B GUN	230	105	335
	7B BOW	20	10	30
	8 GUN	320	150	470
	8 BOW	30	10	40
	9A GUN	115	70	185
	9A BOW	10	10	20
	9B GUN	45	30	75
	9B BOW	10	10	20
	15A GUN	285	145	430
	15A BOW	30	10	40
	16A	170	60	230
	16B	60	30	90
N O R T H E A S T	11A	110	70	180
	11B	165	80	245
	12A GUN	285	110	395
	12A BOW	40	10	50
	12B GUN	635	150	785
	12B BOW	40	10	50
	13 GUN	1,415	410	1,825
	13 BOW	100	100	200
	14	200	70	270
	15B	1,480	505	1,985
	16C	270	120	390
	17	560	270	830
	18A GUN	265	45	310
	18A BOW	45	10	55
	18B	185	100	285
	19 GUN	425	90	515
	19 BOW	45	10	55
	21A GUN	1,585	440	2,025
	21A BOW	75	20	95
	21B GUN	1,755	540	2,295
	21B BOW	80	20	100
A L G O N Q U I N	1A	100	60	160
	1D	100	60	160
	22	200	80	280
	23 GUN	195	70	265
	23 BOW	100	25	125
	24	190	60	250
	25	55	25	80
	26	60	30	90
	27	410	110	520
	28	935	345	1,280
	29 GUN	570	300	870
	29 BOW	295	125	420
	30	140	55	195
	31	170	110	280
	32	75	50	125
	33	145	70	215
	34	75	25	100
	35	860	330	1,190
	36	60	45	105
	37	210	90	300
	38 GUN	2,145	1,235	3,380
	38 BOW	245	45	290
	39	395	310	705
	40	660	535	1,195
	41	1,055	470	1,525
	42	30	20	50
	45	40	30	70
	47	195	35	230
A L G O N Q U I N	46	15	10	25
	48	1050	180	1230
	49	50	50	100
	50	435	80	515
	53	65	20	85
	54	480	95	575
	55	365	65	430
	56	105	35	140
	57	125	65	190
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	60	100	20	120
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	62	25	25	50

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NINE-MEMBER SHORELINE
MANAGEMENT ADVISORY
COUNCIL NAMED BY MINISTER



Nine people, representing the Great Lakes from Lake Superior to the St. Lawrence Seaway, have been appointed to the first Ontario Shoreline Management Advisory Council, Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio announced today.

"The council will be an independent body and will seek public opinion about managing the Great Lakes shoreline," Mr. Kerrio said. "It will ensure that the public continues to play a major role in advising my government and future governments on shoreline management planning."

The establishment of an advisory council was one of the recommendations contained in the report of the Shoreline Management Review Committee. The committee -- chaired by James McGuigan, MPP for Kent-Elgin and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Natural Resources -- completed a study last fall resulting in recommendations for the long-term management of the Great Lakes shoreline.

Shannon Olson, a member of the review committee, will chair the advisory council. Mr. Olson, vice-chairman of the Essex Region Conservation Authority, is very familiar with shoreline problems, including those on Lake St. Clair and Lake Erie.

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Patricia Petersen will be the vice-chair of the council. She is acting director of Urban Studies at the University of Toronto and a former member of the Scarborough Planning Board. She is familiar with shoreline management along the western end of Lake Ontario.

The other members are:

- Alex Harry, a lawyer and former mayor of Sault Ste. Marie. Mr. Harry will represent Lake Superior.
- John Jeffs, the vice-president of the Federation of Ontario Cottagers. Mr. Jeffs is from the Collingwood area and will represent cottager and sporting interests in the Georgian Bay area.
- Dr. Reid Kreutzwiser of Guelph University. Dr. Kreutzwiser was also a member of the Shoreline Management Review Committee.
- Howard Langan of Vanastra, near Lake Huron. Mr. Langan is a sailing enthusiast and will represent the Huron region and the public at large.
- Tom Millar, the vice-president of both the Turkey Point Ratepayers' Association and the North Shore Coalition from Lake Erie. He represents the Lake Erie area and riverbank property owners.

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- Paul Tripp, the chairman of the Lower Trent Conservation Authority, representing the Association of Conservation Authorities of Ontario and the eastern portion of Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence Seaway.
- Joanne Wintemute, a resident of Niagara Falls, representing the Niagara area and the public at large.

The advisory council will hold at least four public meetings a year in different communities along the Great Lakes. Public concerns and recommendations from those meetings will be contained in the council's annual report to the minister of Natural Resources.

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FOREST FIRE PREVENTION WEEK
IN ONTARIO FOCUSES ON A PUBLIC
EDUCATION CAMPAIGN APRIL 19 TO 25

Do you know that every year in Ontario forest fires destroy an area of timberland equal to the amount the forest industry harvests?

Do you know that 70 per cent of those forest fires are caused by people?

Those facts are the focus of this year's provincially sponsored Forest Fire Prevention Week, April 19 to 25. To make the public more aware of forest fire prevention, the Ministry of Natural Resources is conducting an education campaign in the media, in schools, and in the ministry's district offices.

"We will be using the theme 'Forest Fire Prevention Is You' to make people aware that seven out of 10 forest fires in this province are caused by people and, therefore, can be prevented," said Ontario Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio.

"Every year, forest fires cost Ontario an average of \$1 billion," the minister said. "That figure includes the value of the wood destroyed and the \$50 million the province spends on fighting fires."

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Mr. Kerrio said there also are other costs that must be considered.

"Every time there is a forest fire we all lose recreational opportunities, tourist attractions, natural beauty spots and wildlife habitat."

This year's public education campaign will be aimed at school children and the general public, especially those who use the forests for recreation -- berry pickers, campers, hunters, anglers, canoeists and picnickers.

Schools will receive teaching kits that include slides and tapes. All school children will be invited to take part in a poster-slogan contest. The winning entries will be used in next year's Forest Fire Prevention Week Campaign.

This year's campaign symbol is a charred and smouldering forest. It will appear on grocery bags, buttons, bumper stickers and T-shirt transfers.

There will be newspaper, radio and television interviews and feature stories, as well as a 30-second television commercial.

"The major cause of forest fires is unattended camp fires, followed by unsafe burnings of grass, brush or rubbish and youngsters playing with matches," Mr. Kerrio said. "Studies show that nearly 250 fires, one quarter of all blazes caused by people, are set by careless use of matches and smoking materials."

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"None of these fires need happen and can be prevented, if people learn to be more careful," the minister said.

"Let's all work together to make everyone in the province aware of just how valuable our forests are to each of us."

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NATURAL RESOURCES MINISTRY
EXTENDS DEER SEASONS
IN ONTARIO

A large and healthy deer population in Ontario has allowed the Ministry of Natural Resources to extend hunting seasons in 1987.

"The positive impact of our selective deer harvest program, coupled with the relatively mild winters in recent years, has allowed Ontario's deer population to more than double in the last seven years to an estimated herd of over 200,000," said Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio.

"The extended hunting season will allow more recreational opportunities for hunters in the coming season, as well as reducing problems caused by deer -- such as crop damage and deer-car collisions."

Wildlife specialists expect that extended seasons this year will increase the deer harvest to 30,000 from 27,000 which is the 10-year objective of the selective harvest program implemented in 1980.

The plan is to hold deer densities at levels just below the capacity of the range. This will sustain the health of the animals and avoid dramatic changes in deer numbers usually associated with overpopulation.

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Changes in deer hunting seasons for 1987 include new gun seasons in Wildlife Management Units 11B and 39; new archery seasons in WMUs 39, 47, 61 and 62; and longer gun and archery seasons in 77 WMUs. Also, October 15 will be the standard opening date for most archery seasons in southern Ontario.

Anyone wishing to have a chance to hunt antlerless deer in 1987 must purchase a deer licence -- available in early June -- and then correctly complete and return the attached antlerless deer tag application to local ministry district offices or to the address on the application no later than 5 p.m., July 31, 1987.

Those who wish to hunt in controlled areas should contact the district office in the area of interest for the information and application forms. Applications must be sent to the MNR district office which corresponds to the first WMU choice. Cut-off date is 5 p.m., August 31, 1987.

The 1987-88 Hunting Regulations Summary brochure, which will be available by late spring, outlines hunting seasons for all areas of the province. It can be picked up at any Natural Resources district office, or from the Public Information Centre, Room 1640, Whitney Block, 99 Wellesley Street West, Toronto, Ontario, M7A 1W3, or by calling (416) 965-4251.

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EDITORS: Please note that detailed descriptions of season dates and wildlife management units are attached.

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1987 DEER SEASONS			
RIFLES, SHOTGUNS, BOWS ^a AND MUZZLE-LOADERS ^b			
Wildlife Management Unit(s)	Resident Open Season	Non-Resident Open Season	Conditions (Restrictions only)
6, 7B, 9A, 9B, 11A	Oct. 3 to Dec. 15	Oct. 3 to Nov. 15	Non-Resident Guide Requirement; in part of 7B and all of 9B, 11A
7A	Oct. 3 to Dec. 15	Oct. 3 to Nov. 15	Non-Resident Guide Requirement; bows and muzzle-loading guns only.
10	Oct. 31 to Dec. 15	Oct. 31 to Nov. 15	Non-Resident Guide Requirement; no dogs.
11A	Sept. 26 to Oct. 2	Sept. 26 to Oct. 2	Non-Resident Guide Requirement; bows and muzzle-loading guns only; no dogs
11B, 12A, 12B, 13, 14, 21A	Oct. 3 to Dec. 15	No Season	
36, 37, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 53A, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60A, 61, 62, 63	Nov. 2 to Nov. 14	Nov. 2 to Nov. 14	
39, 41, 42	Nov. 2 to Nov. 14	No Season	
43A, 43B	Nov. 16 to Nov. 19	Nov. 16 to Nov. 19	Landowner's Permission; no dogs
44	Nov. 2 to Nov. 14	No Season	No dogs
45	Nov. 2 to Nov. 5	Nov. 2 to Nov. 5	No dogs
64, 66A, 67, 68, 69B, 74	Nov. 2 to Nov. 7	Nov. 2 to Nov. 7	
65	Nov. 2 to Nov. 7	Nov. 2 to Nov. 7	Bows, shotguns, muzzle-loading guns only; no dogs
71	Nov. 2 to Nov. 7	No Season	Shotguns only; no dogs
73	Nov. 2 to Nov. 5	No Season	Shotguns and muzzle-loading guns only; no dogs
82, 84	Nov. 2 to Nov. 6	Nov. 2 to Nov. 6	No dogs
83	Nov. 2 to Nov. 7	Nov. 2 to Nov. 7	No dogs

CONTROLLED HUNTS ^c - NO DOGS			
Wildlife Management Unit(s)	Resident Open Season	Non-Resident Open Season	Conditions (Restrictions only)
53B, 75, 76B, 76C, 76D, 77, 78A, 78B, 79A, 79C, 79D, 80, 81, 85, 87B, 87C, 87D, 89, 90, 91, 93	Nov. 2 to Nov. 5	No Season	Shotguns and muzzle-loading guns only.
76A	Nov. 2 to Nov. 5	No Season	Rifles, shotguns, muzzle-loading guns only.
92	Nov. 2 to Nov. 5	No Season	Muzzle-loading guns only

1987 DEER SEASONS			
BOWS ONLY ^a - NO DOGS			
Wildlife Management Unit(s)	Resident Open Season	Non-Resident Open Season	Conditions (Restrictions only)
6, 7B, 9A, 9B	Sept. 19 to Oct. 2	Sept. 19 to Oct. 2	Non-Resident Guide Requirement; part of 7B and all of 9B
10	Oct. 1 to Oct. 30	Oct. 1 to Oct. 30	Non-Resident Guide Requirement
14	Sept. 19 to Oct. 2	No Season	
37	Oct. 17 to Nov. 1	Oct. 17 to Nov. 1	
43A, 43B	Oct. 10 to Nov. 8	Oct. 10 to Nov. 8	Land owner's Permission Requirement
47	Nov. 16 to Dec. 5	Nov. 16 to Dec. 5	
48, 57, 58, 59, 60A,	Oct. 15 to Nov. 1	Oct. 15 to Nov. 1	
55, 61, 62	Oct. 15 to Nov. 1 Nov. 15 to Dec. 15	Oct. 15 to Nov. 1 Nov. 15 to Dec. 15	
63, 64	Oct. 15 to Nov. 1 Nov. 15 to Nov. 30	Oct. 15 to Nov. 1 Nov. 15 to Nov. 30	
66B	Nov. 2 to Nov. 8	Nov. 2 to Nov. 8	
65, 66A, 67	Oct. 15 to Nov. 1 Nov. 8 to Dec. 15	Oct. 15 to Nov. 1 Nov. 8 to Nov. 15	
68	Oct. 15 to Nov. 1 Nov. 8 to Dec. 31	Oct. 15 to Nov. 1 Nov. 8 to Dec. 31	
69A, 72	Oct. 15 to Dec. 31	Oct. 15 to Dec. 31	
69B, 83	Oct. 15 to Nov. 1 Nov. 8 to Dec. 15	No Season	
71, 74	Oct. 15 to Nov. 1 Nov. 8 to Dec. 31	No Season	
73, 75, 76, 77, 78A, 78B, 79A, 79C, 79D, 80, 81, 85, 87B, 87C, 87D, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93	Oct. 15 to Nov. 1 Nov. 6 to Dec. 31	No Season	
78C, 78D, 78E, 79B, 86, 87A, 87E, 88, 94A	Oct. 15 to Dec. 31	No Season	
82, 84	Oct. 15 to Nov. 1 Nov. 7 to Dec. 15		

NOTES	
^a	Bows include longbows, compound bows and crossbows
^b	Muzzle-loaders include flintlock or percussion cap muzzle-loading guns
^c	Licence must be validated. Deer Hunters should contact appropriate District Office for further details:
for WMU(s)	Contact:
53B	Bracebridge District Office, Bracebridge, Ontario
75	Lindsay District Office, Lindsay, Ontario
76, 77, 81	Huron District Office, Midhurst, Ontario
79, 80, 87	Cambridge District Office, Cambridge, Ontario
85	Wingham District Office, Wingham, Ontario
89	Niagara District Office, Fonthill, Ontario
90	Simcoe District Office, Simcoe, Ontario
91, 92	Aylmer District Office, Aylmer, Ontario
93	Chatham District Office, Chatham, Ontario



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MORE OPPORTUNITIES
FOR MOOSE HUNTERS
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Minor changes in Ontario's 1987 moose hunting season will give residents and non-residents more hunting opportunities this fall, Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio announced today.

This year's moose season begins October 3 in most of Ontario. Season opening dates are pretty much the same as last year except for the calendar date adjustment.

Mr. Kerrio said special archery seasons will be introduced in 12 units, and there will be a non-resident hunt in Wildlife Management Unit 41.

Changes worth noting:

- o New archery seasons will open in Wildlife Management Units 2, 4, 5, 6, 9A, 12A, 18A, 15A and 19 for residents and non-residents and Units 7B, 9B and 12B for residents only.
- o Wildlife Management Unit 41, an area served by many lodges and outfitters, will be opened to non-resident moose hunters.

Hunters are reminded that they must purchase a moose hunting licence before they can apply for an adult moose validation tag in the computerized draw.

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The 1987 Moose Hunter's Factsheet will be available in mid-April. The factsheet will contain the 1987 adult moose validation tag quotas for each Wildlife Management Unit with an open season for moose. A limited supply of factsheets will be sent to all moose licence issuers, and additional copies will be available to the public from MNR district offices. Applicants for the 1987 draw for adult moose validation tags may wish to consult the factsheet prior to sending in their applications.

Application forms for tags are provided with the licences, which will go on sale in late March. To be eligible for the draw, applications must reach the Ministry of Natural Resources' Wildlife Branch in Toronto, or an MNR District Office by 5 p.m., Friday, May 15, 1987.

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EDITORS PLEASE NOTE: Charts indicating 1987 moose seasons by provincial Wildlife Management Unit are attached.

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REGULAR GUN SEASONS

	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
ITEM	WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT UNIT	OPEN SEASONS RESIDENTS	OPEN SEASONS NON-RESIDENTS
1.	1A, 1C, 1D, 16A, 16B, 16C, 17, 18B, 25	Sept. 19 to Dec. 15	Sept. 21 to Nov. 15
2.	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9A, 12A, 15A, 15B, 18A, 19, 21A, 21B	Oct. 3 to Dec. 15	Oct. 5 to Nov. 15
3.	7B, 9B, 11A, 11B, 12B, 13, 14	Oct. 3 to Dec. 15	
4.	22, 23, 24, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42,	Oct. 3 to Nov. 15	Oct. 5 to Nov. 15
5.	26	Sept. 26 to Oct. 31	Sept. 28 to Oct. 31
6.	45	Oct. 5 to Oct. 7	
7.	46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60A, 61, 62, 63	Oct. 19 to Oct. 24	

ARCHERY SEASONS

	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4
ITEM	WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT UNIT	OPEN SEASONS RESIDENTS	OPEN SEASONS NON-RESIDENTS	CONDITIONS
1.	7A	Oct. 3 to Dec. 15	Oct. 5 to Nov. 15	Only bows and arrows or flintlock or percussion cap muzzle-loading guns may be used.
2.	2,3,4,5,6, 8,9A,12A,15A 18A,19,21A, 21B,23,29,38	Sept. 12 - Oct. 2	Sept. 12 - Oct. 2	Only bows and arrows may be used.
3.	7B,9B,12B,13	Sept. 12 - Oct. 2		Only bows and arrows may be used.



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RESTRICTED FIRE ZONE
DECLARED IN ONTARIO'S
NORTHWESTERN REGION

Much of northwestern Ontario has been designated as a restricted fire zone between May 1 and 15, Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio announced today.

"The fire hazard is extreme in most of northwestern Ontario. We have had 70 fires reported in the region since April 1," Mr. Kerrio said. Sixty-five of the fires were caused by people.

The restriction prohibits open campfires in the area, even for cooking or heat. Propane and charcoal burners are allowed, but people are asked to be careful when using them.

The restriction covers a large area of land in northwestern Ontario south of 51 degrees 30 minutes latitude. The area stretches from the Manitoba border to a point 80 kilometres east of Pickle Lake, and southwest to Atikokan.

The fire season in the area started several weeks earlier than normal as a result of mild winter conditions; an early, warm spring, and a lack of precipitation.

"A corresponding early hiring and mobilization of our fire crews, and placement of heavy water bombers, have kept our losses to a minimum," said Mr. Kerrio.

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The weather forecast for the immediate future indicates no change is expected that would reduce the volatile fire conditions.

MNR fire officials are monitoring the situation on a daily basis. An extended period of cool, wet weather could prompt the lifting of the restriction, but prolonged warm, dry weather could result in the restriction being extended until conditions improve.

"The restrictions will be enforced," said Mr. Kerrio. "We have to take every step possible to ensure the safety and protection of human life and resources under these extreme hazard conditions."

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May 4, 1987

NATIONAL FOREST WEEK
ANNOUNCED BY ONTARIO
MINISTER OF NATURAL RESOURCES

The 10 millionth tree in the Boy Scouts Trees for Canada program was officially planted at Queen's Park today by five Ontario scouts with the help of Premier David Peterson and Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio.

The five-metre high white pine was planted in one corner of the front lawn of the Legislative Building and was part of ceremonies across the province marking National Forest Week. This year's theme is "Our Forests...A Shared Resource."

"Ontario's forests are a resource base for industry, a habitat for wildlife and a refuge for hikers and campers," said Premier Peterson. "These are only a few of the reasons National Forest Week is being celebrated."

"It is no coincidence that we are planting a white pine today," said Mr. Kerrio. "The white pine is Ontario's provincial tree, and a symbol of the valuable forest industry in our province."

"Ontario is one of those provinces that should really celebrate National Forest Week every week," said Mr. Kerrio. "Forests have been our silent partners throughout history, providing us with everything from birch bark canoes to thriving modern industries."

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National Forest Week is sponsored by the Canadian Forestry Association. In Ontario, the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Ontario Forestry Association are working together to heighten public awareness of this valuable resource.

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May 5, 1987

GUIDE CAN HELP
VISITORS CHOOSE
THE PERFECT PARK

Watching spectacular sunsets at Killbear, lying on the sun-drenched beach at Sandbanks, reliving old-time logging days at Wakami Lake, or visiting Ontario's own grand canyon -- Ouimet.

Those are some of the choices facing outdoor enthusiasts already planning provincial park holidays in Ontario.

But how does a person choose? The answer: by using the 1987 Ontario Provincial Parks Guide which lists the province's 219 parks.

The Guide provides information on everything from the dates when parks open to where campers can find camping facilities with electricity and showers and how campsites can be reserved.

Copies of the 1987 Guide can be obtained at the Ministry of Natural Resources public information centre and through the travel information centres of the Ministry of Tourism and Recreation. Or campers can simply call toll free long distance 1-800-268-3735 from outside Toronto, or 965-4008 in Toronto.

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Campers may also notice that many of the parks are being upgraded this summer. Improvements are being made as a result of \$8.6-million in special funding for new equipment and renovations.

The money will be used to control shoreline erosion, to upgrade visitor facilities such as comfort stations, to replace worn out water and sewage systems and to improve campsites. As well, the visitor centres at Quetico and Serpent Mounds have been furnished with new displays.

Campers are also reminded that between May 8th and 18th, no alcohol will be allowed in the following parks: Awenda, Balsam Lake, Bass Lake, Darlington, Earl Rowe, Emily, McRae Point, Serpent Mounds, Sibbald Point, Six Mile Lake, Bon Echo, Fitzroy, Presqu'ile, Rideau River and Sandbanks.

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NATURAL RESOURCES MINISTRY
DECLARES RESTRICTED FIRE ZONE
IN NORTH CENTRAL ONTARIO

A second area of northern Ontario has been declared a restricted fire zone as a result of the escalating forest fire hazard.

Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio today announced that MNR's north central administrative region was added to the northwestern region, which he declared last week as a restricted fire zone from May 1 to May 15.

"The MNR districts of Thunder Bay, Atikokan, Nipigon, Terrace Bay and Geraldton are affected this time," said Mr. Kerrio. "We are extending the restricted fire zone to 51 degrees 30 minutes latitude easterly to a point on the north fork of the Albany River, about 30 kilometres east of the Ogoki Reserve. All land south of that line, to the shore of Lake Superior is included."

Under the restricted fire zone in the north central area, which runs from May 7 to May 31, all burning permits are suspended and all open fires are prohibited, including those for cooking or warmth. People may use charcoal or propane burners, but are cautioned to be careful when using them.

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The Minister said that as an added cautionary measure, modified work schedules for the forest industry have been implemented in both regions. Forest operations are now starting earlier in the morning when the hazard is lower, and concluding by noon each day.

The 1987 fire season got under way earlier as a result of less than normal snow cover during the winter, an early spring, continued warm temperatures and a lack of normal rainfall.

Weather forecasters point to a continuation of mainly sunny skies with little or no precipitation expected.

"We aren't anticipating many lightning-caused fires," said Mr. Kerrio, "and we are making every effort to eliminate the potential for human-caused fires in both regions."

The Minister said that the situation is being monitored daily, and the restriction would only be lifted if the hazard is dramatically reduced as a result of cool, wet weather. "In the meantime, in the interest of human life and the valuable resources at risk, we must enforce the fire restrictions imposed during this critical period," he said.

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NATURAL RESOURCES MINISTER
URGES CAUTION
AFTER VISITING FIRE SCENE

With forest fire incidents in northern Ontario off to an early start this year, it could be a long, dry season, Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio said after visiting the scene of a 1,500-hectare fire near Dryden.

"What happens this summer really depends now on the weather. Certainly over the next week, no rain is expected -- and that means provincial fire crews will have plenty of work," Mr. Kerrio said after flying over Fort Frances 33, which has burned through 1,500 hectares of forest this week.

"The ministry has established restricted fire zones in extreme fire hazard areas of the province, but there are no restrictions on recreation activities in the bush, nor are there any restricted travel zones," said Mr. Kerrio. "But we ask that people -- especially anglers coming north for the opening of pickerel season next week -- respect the ban on all open fires in parts of northwestern and north central Ontario until the situation eases."

"We definitely urge people to be extra careful with smoking materials," he said.

This morning Mr. Kerrio consulted with ministry fire suppression staff and boarded an aircraft to see firsthand what fire fighters are up against.

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He flew over Fort Frances 33, one of the largest fires combatted by provincial fire crews since the fire-alert season began April 1. The fire began 80 kilometres outside Fort Frances on May 5. Fire crews were on the scene within 15 minutes of the fire report.

There were 50 fires burning over 3,617 hectares in the province today, with the problem fires being limited to Fort Frances 33, (Northwestern Region) 1,500 hectares and Gogama 1, (Northern Region) 400 hectares. A third fire, Chapleau 9 (Northern Region) 500 hectares, was a problem earlier in the week, but is being held now.

Mr. Kerrio praised the forest companies, railways and tourist industry for their understanding and co-operation during this high risk period. He also said forest industry fire crews were being employed alongside MNR crews in the northwestern region, and that companies were patrolling their forest operation areas for any fire starts at the end of the work day.

"Thanks to the quick response of all the fire fighters involved, the situation is much better than it might be," he said.

MNR fire officials in parts of northwestern Ontario have issued modified working hours for the companies. They can start work as early as they like, but have been asked to shut down operations by noon each day when the fire hazard is highest.

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NAME OF PEAWANUCK
OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED
BY ONTARIO GEOGRAPHIC NAMES BOARD

The Cree word, Peawanuck, has been officially recognized as the name of the new settlement where 175 native people from Winisk, near Hudson Bay, relocated last year after a flood destroyed their village.

"I am pleased to announce that the name Peawanuck will be used to identify this new community in all Ontario government maps, charts, gazetteers and related publications," Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio said today.

Mr. Kerrio said the province is responding to a request by the local band that federal and provincial governments officially recognize a name the Cree have always used for this location.

The word "Peawanuck" means "a place where flint is found". Flint, otherwise known as chert or chalcedony, is a hard siliceous stone used with steel to produce fire, and was formerly used in the making of arrowheads and flint locks for guns. It is found at the site of the new settlement.

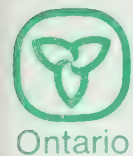
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The villagers were forced to evacuate Winisk in May of 1986, after spring floods swept away much of the settlement, located six kilometres upriver from Hudson Bay. Peawanuck is located 30 kilometres southwest of the Winisk site.

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RESTRICTED FIRE ZONE
MEANS NO OPEN FIRES
THROUGHOUT MOST OF ONTARIO

The increasing risk of forest fire has resulted in a ban on all open fires -- effective midnight tonight -- throughout northern Ontario and as far south as the Bruce Peninsula, the Muskoka and Haliburton districts, the Tweed area and northern Lanark County.

This restricted fire zone in Ontario's designated forest fire regions was announced today by Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio as the provincial forest fire situation continues to worsen.

"Continuing dry weather and the resulting extreme fire hazard have forced us to institute this measure," said Mr. Kerrio. "The restricted fire zone means a ban on all open fires -- even for cooking or warmth -- and the suspension of all burning permits."

The restrictions continue until May 31. Much of northwestern Ontario is already under a restricted fire zone regulation.

"We had 105 fires reported last weekend," said Mr. Kerrio. "With the continuing warm dry weather, we are trying to eliminate the potential for human-caused fires, especially with the Victoria Day weekend coming up and the opening of pickerel fishing season in northern Ontario."

"We expect many people, especially fishermen, will take to the bush this weekend, and we can't over-emphasize the extreme fire danger and the need to use caution."

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More than 90 per cent of all fires reported in the province this year have been caused by people.

Mr. Kerrio said: "We have stepped up our prevention efforts and want to make sure that everybody is aware of the meaning of the restricted fire zone. The open fire ban and the burning permit suspension still allow people to cook meals as long as the fire is contained in a portable stove or charcoal burner."

"My ministry's fire and fish and wildlife staff will enforce this ban."

The ban may be lifted before the May 31 deadline if cooler temperatures and enough rainfall reduce the fire hazard.

People are urged to contact their local MNR office if they have any questions about the fire restrictions.

The new restrictions apply to the area beginning in the northwest, to an area south of 54 degrees 0 minutes latitude, running from the Manitoba border at a point approximately 100 kilometres north of the native settlement of Sandy Lake.

It continues 290 kilometres east to a point approximately 70 kilometres east-north-east of the native community of Big Trout Lake. The line then continues southerly 280 kilometres to Snowflake Lake, which is 80 kilometres due east of Pickle Lake at 51 degrees 30 minutes latitude, then runs easterly from there 250 kilometres to the Albany River east of Ogoki.

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The restriction boundary then runs southerly 110 kilometres to a point 15 kilometres south of the Kenogami River, just north of the Canadian National rail line and including Pagwa at 50 degrees 0 minutes latitude, and running due east to the Quebec border. The restrictions include all of northeastern Ontario south of that line to the French River.

Below the French River, the restrictions apply to Algonquin Park and the Bruce Peninsula, and all land bounded by Georgian Bay on the west, the Ottawa River on the east, and everything north of an imaginary line running from Midland, easterly to just north of Peterborough and northeasterly to Ottawa.

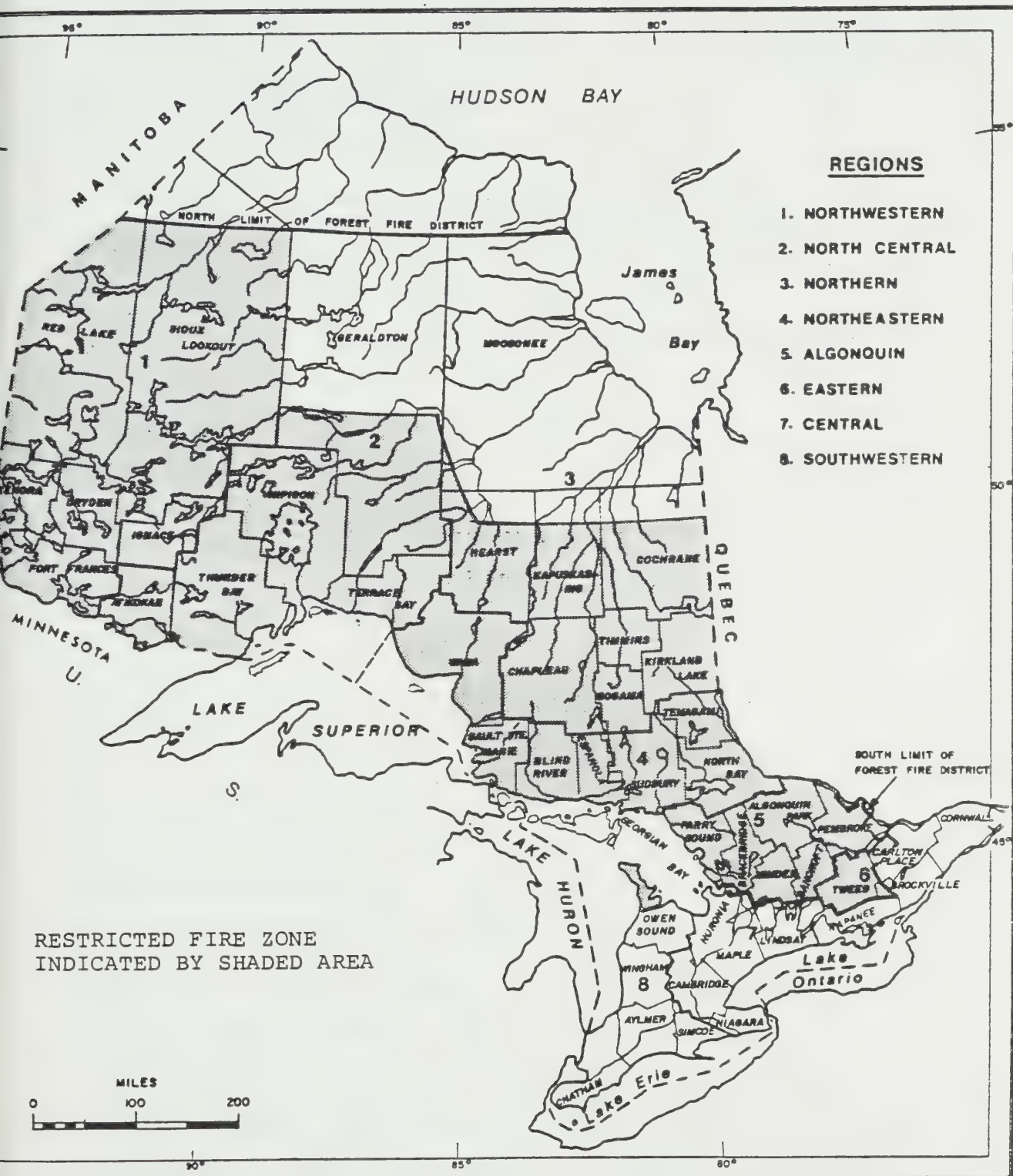
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EDITORS: Please note the attached map showing the boundaries of the restricted fire zone.

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HOLDS FIRST WILD TURKEY HUNT
SINCE EARLY 1900s

The elusive wild turkey turned out to be a challenge for even the most patient hunters in the Napanee area during Ontario's first wild turkey hunt since the early 1900s.

Hunters, most of whom had even camouflaged their faces, hands and shotguns, only managed to harvest 63 wild turkeys.

In each of two consecutive six-day seasons in MNR's Napanee district -- May 4 to 9, and May 11 to 16, 500 licensed small game hunters were chosen by random draw. Each hunter was allowed to take one male or bearded wild turkey during the hunt. About 60 per cent of the eligible hunters participated, and 10 per cent were successful.

"The re-introduction of wild turkeys in Ontario began in 1984 and since then, they have grown in numbers and have proved to be wary birds," said Minister of Natural Resources Vincent Kerrio. "The controlled hunt this year had no adverse effect on the wild turkey population because of the small number of males taken."

A dominant male -- known as a gobbler -- typically mates with a number of females, and most females should have been mated and incubating eggs by the time the hunt started.

The hunters were required to attend a wild turkey hunter education seminar, sponsored by the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, and pass an MNR wild turkey hunter examination before purchasing a \$12 validation tag for the hunt.

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Although many of the approximately 2,000 or more wild turkeys in Napanee were spotted during the hunt, the birds were very cautious and difficult for hunters to lure within range.

Wild turkeys cannot be safely or effectively stalked. Hunters should be camouflaged and remain stationary while imitating the call of the female or hen turkey. The wild turkeys taken in the hunt were all males, three-years-old or younger and all in good condition, the largest being 10.2 kilograms (22.5 pounds).

Conservation Officers and Ontario Provincial Police increased patrols in the district to enforce hunting regulations and trespass legislation. No hunter safety or other serious problems occurred during the hunt.

"The hunt was a total success, not only offering hunters a unique opportunity, but also providing an early boost for the tourism industry in the Trenton area," said Mr. Kerrio.

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MINISTRY TO RESUME
AERIAL SPRAY CAMPAIGN
AGAINST FOREST PESTS

Aerial spraying against forest insect pests in Ontario will resume as soon as weather conditions allow after Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio lifted a temporary suspension imposed last week while laboratory analysis was being performed on the ministry's stock of biological insecticide.

The ministry's spraying program was put on hold after officials learned that trace levels of bacteria had been discovered in a portion of its stock of Bt (Bacillus thuringiensis). MNR has used the Bt insecticide exclusively since 1985 in its aerial spraying program against spruce budworm, jack pine budworm and gypsy moth.

The tests confirmed that some bacteria other than Bacillus thuringiensis existed in all the Bt products tested. However, an interministerial committee reviewed the test results and recommended that spraying be allowed to continue.

"After reviewing the test results and consulting with the Ministers of Health, Labor, and Environment, we have concluded that in our stock the bacteria levels were such that there was no issue of adverse health or environmental impact. Consequently, we have given approval to the resumption of the program," Mr. Kerrio said.

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The decision to resume the program was reviewed and approved by the Ontario Pesticides Advisory Committee.

"The presence of bacteria other than Bacillus thuringiensis was expected because the insecticide is produced by a fermentation process. However, we felt that additional testing was in order when we learned that some stock had levels of other bacteria, Streptococcus facium and Streptococcus fecalis, that were unexpectedly high," said John Goodman, executive co-ordinator of the ministry's Forest Resources Group.

"Advice from Health and Welfare Canada is that there are no concerns in terms of adverse health effects."

The ministry plans to spray more than 213,000 hectares of Crown land with Bt, and has also entered into co-operative agreements with municipalities in southern Ontario to spray an additional 12,000 hectares of private property.

Gypsy moth spraying will resume when weather conditions are favorable, while spraying for spruce and jack pine budworm will likely begin next week.

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LATEST FIVE-YEAR REVIEW
SHOWS CONTINUED SUCCESS
OF GOVERNMENT FMAS

Ontario's forest management agreement (FMA) program continues to result in better forest management, according to the results of a five-year review of three company FMAs.

The new results were for the Spruce River forest north of Thunder Bay, controlled by Abitibi-Price Inc., the Lake Nipigon forest east of Lake Nipigon, controlled by Domtar Inc., and the Black River forest, southeast of Geraldton, controlled by Great West Timber Ltd.

"I am happy to report that Abitibi-Price Inc. and Domtar Inc. are discharging their obligations extremely well," said Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio. "As a result, we will be extending the Spruce River and Lake Nipigon Forest agreements for an additional five years. The extension of the Great West Timber agreement will be deferred until the FMA is re-examined this summer."

Forest management agreements began replacing timber licences in 1980. As part of the agreement, the company is responsible for the regeneration and tending of the forest it harvests. There are now 28 FMAs between the government and the industry, covering almost 165,000 square kilometres -- 63 per cent of the province's licensed forests.

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Two years ago, a review of the first FMAs to be signed, held by four Ontario companies, also showed significant increases in forest regeneration, tending and site preparation.

In the three licensed areas reviewed recently, actual harvest increased nine per cent, while regeneration was up an impressive 29 per cent. Tending increased 129 per cent, and site preparation was up 138 per cent.

"The figures in the report continue to show the wisdom of FMAs," Mr. Kerrio said.

Each FMA is for a period of 20 years, but the ministry reviews them critically every five years. "The five-year reviews of forest management agreements allow us to see what's going well, as well as what needs improvement," said Mr. Kerrio.

He cited Abitibi-Price's commitment to regenerating and tending forest lands, and Domtar's experiments with new harvesting and site preparation techniques, as examples of those companies' commitment to the FMA program.

Regeneration has increased 90 per cent on Domtar's Lake Nipigon Forest since the start of the agreement.

Great West Timber recently took over the Black River FMA from the Ontario Paper Company.

Great West was subsequently purchased by Buchanan Forest Products in July of 1986. With the company still adjusting to the transfer of responsibilities, Mr. Kerrio delayed the extension of the FMA pending re-examination of company plans.

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"The company must satisfy the ministry that it is in proper control of the planning and forest management activities in its licensed area," Mr. Kerrio said.

Copies of the five-year review of the FMAs are available at no charge from the ministry's Public Information Centre, Room 1640, 99 Wellesley Street West, Queen's Park, Toronto.

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FOUR PLANTS ADDED
TO ENDANGERED
SPECIES LIST

Four rare plants were granted protection under Ontario's Endangered Species Act today.

The heart-leaved plantain (Plantago cordata), the large whorled pogonia (Isotria verticillata), the cucumber tree, also known as the magnolia tree (Magnolia acuminata) and the prickly pear cactus (Opuntia humifusa) are found only in localized parts of southwestern Ontario, and are endangered by the destruction of their natural habitat.

"This brings the total number of plants and animals officially listed as endangered species in Ontario to 18," said Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio. Endangered species are managed under MNR's wildlife branch.

"Habitat loss, more than any other factor, is responsible for declines in populations of wild plants and animals," Mr. Kerrio said. He noted the problem is most severe for plants growing in the Carolinian zone, which is a deciduous forest region in southwestern Ontario, located south of an imaginary line stretching between Grand Bend and Toronto.

"The Carolinian zone is well known for its southern flora and fauna found nowhere else in Canada, such as the four species we are putting under protection," Mr. Kerrio said.

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"Because of the warm climate and fertile soils, this area has undergone intense urban and agricultural development. Many counties have only between three and eight per cent of natural areas remaining and the pressures on the remaining wetlands, forests and prairies are still strong," he added.

A person convicted of damaging a plant which is protected under the Endangered Species Act, or its habitat, is liable to a fine of up to \$3,000, or to imprisonment for up to six months, or both.

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MINISTER SETS NEW
MUSKIE REGULATIONS
FOR 1987 SEASON

New muskellunge angling regulations for 1987 designed to preserve Ontario muskie populations will increase the minimum size limit for muskellunge by at least 11 centimetres (4 inches approximately) depending on the fishing division, and reduce the catch limit to one fish, Natural Resource Minister Vincent Kerrio said today.

"The new regulations will protect Ontario's muskellunge fisheries by ensuring that female muskies have a chance to spawn at least twice before being legally caught and kept," Mr. Kerrio explained. "These changes reflect the special status of muskellunge as a limited resource of special significance in Ontario."

The new minimum size limits will be:

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- 102 cm (40 inches) in the Great Lakes, Lake St. Clair, Lake St. Francis and the St. Lawrence River (Divisions 1; 2, 8, 11, 12, 16, 17 and 23), but excluding the Niagara River.
 - 94 cm (37 inches) in the Niagara River.

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- 102 cm (40 inches) in the Eagle Lake, Wabigoon Lake, Dinorwic Lake, Bulter Lake, Mile Lake, Trap Lake, Larson Lake, Paulson Lake and Lake of the Woods (located in Division 22).
- 86 cm (34 inches) in all other waters.

In addition to the new minimum size limits, the daily catch limit across the province will be set at one muskellunge. The possession limit -- the number of fish allowed in an individual's possession at any one time -- will be set at two fish in all waters.

"While muskellunge season opens June 6 in some areas and June 20 in others, these changes in our regulations will not come into effect until later in the angling season," the Minister noted.

"In the meantime, I encourage the public to conform to the spirit of our proposed regulations, which are aimed at wise use of our muskellunge resources." He added that local district offices of the ministry would issue news releases as soon as the changes become law.

Mr. Kerrio said he was particularly pleased that major interest groups such as fish and game clubs, tourist associations and muskie anglers support the changes as essential to sound management of provincial muskellunge fisheries.

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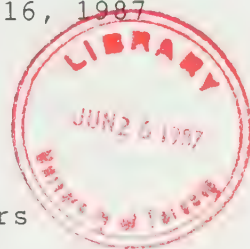
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NEW STUDIES OUTLINE
PITS AND QUARRIES
REHABILITATION METHODS

Two new publications to help aggregate producers rehabilitate pits and quarries are now available from the Ministry of Natural Resources.

The first publication focuses on restoring pits and quarries for use as fish and wildlife habitat. The second study deals with the special rehabilitation problems of northern Ontario.

"In the last two decades, Ontario pits and quarries have been rehabilitated to many uses, including productive farmland, parks, golf courses and residential developments," said Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio.

"These two new publications will help increase the diversity -- and success rate -- of rehabilitation efforts throughout the province.

"I'm especially pleased that one of the publications, Rehabilitation of Pits and Quarries for Fish and Wildlife, shows operators how to create new wetland habitat," said Mr. Kerrio. "This is extremely important because of the gradual loss of this valuable resource, especially around urban areas."

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Consultants hired by the Ministry of Natural Resources examined existing rehabilitated sites in Ontario, talked to landowners and reviewed rehabilitation data from throughout North America and Europe. As a result, they identified seven types of after uses, ranging from commercial fish farming to wildfowl viewing and wildlife protection areas and recommended a rehabilitation strategy for each after use.

The second publication, Sand and Gravel Pit Rehabilitation in Northern Ontario, provides help for northern operators.

"We've prepared many reports to assist operators in selecting the best possible restoration techniques and species of trees, shrubs and grasses to use," said Mr. Kerrio. "But many of those techniques and plants aren't appropriate in the north. This study will provide northern producers with site planning and rehabilitation methods tailor-made for their climate and soils."

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The report for northern Ontario rehabilitation costs \$1 per copy and the report for fish and wildlife rehabilitation costs \$4. Both reports may be purchased from:

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NEW MNR STUDY EXAMINES
ONTARIO'S CLAY AND SHALE
FROM DEPOSITS TO FINISHED PRODUCTS



A comprehensive report that provides clay and shale producers with valuable information on raw materials, market trends, processing and new technology has been released by the Ministry of Natural Resources.

"The clay and shale industries have undergone some significant changes in the last few years as various products have gained or lost market share and new processing techniques have come on stream," Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio said today.

"This is the first report to detail all those Ontario industries which utilize domestic and imported clays and shales. The marketing and technical information contained in the report will be a real help to current and prospective producers."

The report is divided into four parts. The first part examines resources, including the shales of southern Ontario, clay deposits across the Province, and the kaolin clays of the Moose River basin in northeastern Ontario.

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The second part looks at heavy clay products such as brick, drainage tile, sewer pipe and flue liners which are manufactured across southern Ontario. The third and fourth parts look at the manufacture of tile, porcelain, whitewares, mineral wool and refractories, as well as roofing tile, flower pots, filter tile and art pottery.

The report, The Clay and Shale Industries of Ontario, was prepared jointly by consultant G.R. Guillet and the Ontario Research Foundation. The authors examined thoroughly the Ontario manufacturing operations of each of the products named above. Manufacturing processes, production and market trends as well as information on new processes and technology are described in detail.

The report costs \$20.00 and may be purchased from:

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MINISTER ANNOUNCES
\$4-MILLION FORESTRY AGREEMENT
IN EASTERN ONTARIO

June 18, 1987



The provincial government and Domtar Inc. will invest \$4-million over the next five years in an intensive forest management program on independently owned private lands in Ontario's five easternmost counties.

Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio announced today in Cornwall that, under the program, an average 965 hectares of privately owned land will be treated each year, with the co-operation of landowners in the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry and the United Counties of Prescott and Russell.

The treatment will include planting unforested land with fast-growing hardwood trees, thinning immature forests to improve growth rates, and improving tending and harvesting techniques.

Mr. Kerrio said that in 20 years, local counties will be able to supply between 22 and 35 per cent of the wood needed at the Domtar mill annually.

Domtar's Cornwall mill is the largest fine paper mill in Canada. About 27 per cent of the mill's fibre supply comes from Ontario, of which only 12 per cent is produced within a radius of 75 kilometres of Cornwall.

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Mr. Kerrio said the program is the first phase of a 20-year agreement which the ministry and Domtar Inc. have agreed to in principle.

It will be carried out under the Eastern Ontario Forestry Development Program, and will be reviewed at the end of every five-year period to ensure it is meeting its objectives.

Mr. Kerrio told an audience at the Cornwall Civic Centre that the program "promotes good forest management and makes good economic sense."

"Over the first five-year period, we expect that 100 man-years of employment will be created, mainly in tree planting, tending and harvesting," said Mr. Kerrio. "By enhancing the security of supply for the Cornwall mill, the program will also be contributing to the economic security of the 1,400 workers at the mill and about 400 independent forest workers in Ontario."

For every dollar the province puts into this program, at least \$2.28 will be generated in the local economy, Mr. Kerrio said.

Domtar Inc. will be responsible for implementing the forestry program. The province will spend \$2.7-million, and Domtar's share will be \$1.3-million over the five years. MNR will provide funds for all direct costs associated with regeneration, tending and extension services. The ministry will also provide technological advice and expertise as well as monitor Domtar's work and finance a landowners' association to create awareness of the program.

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Domtar Inc. will pay all indirect treatment and management costs of the program. It will also pay for the cost of planting stock and land lease payments to landowners.

Landowners who participate in the program will retain ownership of their land and the wood on it. Individual agreements between Domtar Inc. and the landowners will help to ensure ready markets for the wood produced if the company is given a first-refusal option on wood sales. The ministry has estimated that the financial return to landowners from land lease payments and stumpage sales will total \$200,000 annually.

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ONTARIO FISHERIES ADVISORY
COUNCIL ESTABLISHED BY
NATURAL RESOURCES MINISTRY

An 11-member fisheries advisory council has been established to advise the Minister of Natural Resources on the spending of money from Ontario's resident sport fishing licences, Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio announced today.

Mr. Kerrio said the council will be chaired by Dr. E. J. Crossman of Toronto. Dr. Crossman is a member of the Ichthyology and Herpetology Department at the Royal Ontario Museum, and the co-author of a textbook about fresh water fish in Canada. The position of vice-chairperson will be held by Kristine Carter of London, an avid angler and co-owner of a tackle store.

Representing several specific interest groups on the committee are:

Rick Morgan of Peterborough, executive vice-president of the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters. Mr. Morgan has won numerous honours for his work in fish and wildlife conservation, and was named Canadian Outdoorsman of the Year in March by the Canadian Wildlife Federation.

The Northern Ontario Tourist Outfitters Association is represented by Don MacLachlan of Wawa, who owns the Mar Mac and Camp 88 Lodges, and White River Air, a small air service.

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Jim MacDonald of Batchawana Bay, represents the Ontario Fish Producers' Association. Mr. MacDonald is president of Ferroclad Fishery, a fish processing and export plant on Lake Superior.

Other committee members are:

- Marcel Harvey of Gore Bay, president of the Elliot Lake Fish and Game Association.
- Lorne Allard of Thunder Bay, owner of a sporting goods store and active in the Steelheaders Association.
- Fred Geberdt of Owen Sound, past president of the Sydenham Sportsmen's Club.
- Tom Henderson of Englehart, chairman of the fish and wildlife committee of Bayley Watershed Lakes Association.
- Pat Diciocco of Niagara Falls, a member of several fish and game associations in the Niagara area.
- Alma Adams of MacDiarmid, a Metis and member of the Ontario Native Women's Association, who has a strong interest in both recreational and commercial fishing.

"The members of the Ontario Fisheries Advisory Council have been chosen to represent a broad range of opinions," Mr. Kerrio said. "The members reflect the geographic, philosophical and socio-economic diversity of the people who make use of our fish resources."

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"This diversity will ensure that council members will have first-hand knowledge of the conflicts which can occur among the various user groups. The council will be able to take these conflicts into account when making its recommendations to me," Mr. Kerrio said.

The council will help to ensure that all revenue generated through the sale of resident fishing licences is used to improve and expand current fisheries programs and help resolve conflicts between user groups.

Council members will also review and make recommendations on fisheries work plans and advise the Minister directly on fisheries program policies and priorities.

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COTTAGE LOTS ON
CROWN LAND TO BE
OFFERED TO PUBLIC

Up to 350 cottage lots located on Crown land in northern Ontario will be offered for sale or lease to the public this year, Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio announced in Sault Ste. Marie today.

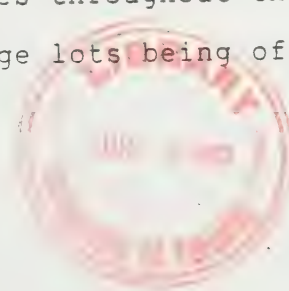
The Crown cottage lot sale is the first thrust of a major government initiative to use Crown land as an economic development tool in the north.

"About 87 per cent of all land in Ontario belongs to the Crown," Mr. Kerrio said. "I strongly believe that the wise use of Crown land as a development tool can help residents of northern Ontario in their efforts to diversify the region's economy."

"Studies have shown that each cottage built brings thousands of dollars worth of direct benefits to the local economy, through the cost of labor and building materials. Cottage owners also need to buy groceries, gasoline and other products, and they will usually buy these from local businesses," Mr. Kerrio said.

The cottage lots are located north of the French and Mattawa rivers. District offices throughout the north can provide information about cottage lots being offered in their areas.

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"We will begin to offer cottage lots as soon as possible, hopefully by fall," Mr. Kerrio said.

"These lots will be offered on an equitable basis -- by public draws."

Crown land cottage lots will be offered to Ontario residents only at prevailing market rates.

MNR will soon hire a consultant to prepare a detailed economic and market study which will help staff pinpoint areas for cottage development in the future. The study will also examine residency requirements, to determine how, and whether, cottage lots should be made available in the future to non-residents of Ontario.

Mr. Kerrio said the Crown cottage lot initiative is just one thrust in a major program to use Crown land to promote economic development in the north.

Other projects in selected areas of the north include peat extraction and processing, expanded tourism enterprises and the use of small hydro power to generate electricity. Fish and fur farming businesses are also being encouraged.

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NON-RESIDENTS OF CANADA WILL
REQUIRE A PERMIT TO CAMP ON
CROWN LANDS IN NORTHERN ONTARIO

Most non-residents of Canada will need a permit to camp on Crown lands in northern Ontario, beginning next year, Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio announced in Sault Ste. Marie today.

A permit will cost \$3.50 a day for each person 17 years of age or older, or \$6 a day for a family.

Non-residents of Canada outfitted for camping by an Ontario outfitter will not be required to buy a Crown land camping permit.

In order to reduce competition with the tourism industry, camping on Crown land by non-residents of Canada will be regulated in some areas and use of private or public facilities will be encouraged. In addition, certain Crown land sites will also be selected for lease or sale, and managed by the private sector as commercial tourist enterprises.

"This program has several aims, and is part of my ministry's review of the use of Crown lands in the north," Mr. Kerrio said. "We want to ensure that Crown lands are put to the best use to help the northern economy, while at the same time we are working to conserve and manage fish populations."

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The ministry has charged non-residents of Canada a fee to camp on Crown land in its northwestern region, and in the Atikokan District, since 1984, and will continue to do so this summer.

In January 1988, a program will be introduced covering all Crown lands north of the French and Mattawa Rivers.

"The program is being introduced because the program in the northwestern region has been so tremendously successful," Mr. Kerrio said.

"In that area, 24 popular camping sites have been turned over to private operators to provide new business opportunities and to create new jobs."

Mr. Kerrio said a survey of over 13,000 individual campers in northwestern Ontario showed that 90 per cent planned a return visit to the area in the future.

"Both resident and non-resident campers appeared to recognize the need to better regulate the number of campers in certain Crown land areas to prevent overcrowding and over-use of campsites, and to distribute anglers more widely to prevent overfishing on some waters," the Minister said.

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PROVINCIAL PARKS COUNCIL
REVIEWS PARK SERVICES
FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS

What do the thousands of campers, hikers, picnickers, and others who use Ontario's provincial parks each year think of them?

That's what the Provincial Parks Council, a citizens' advisory committee that reports directly to Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio, will be asking the public this summer.

The council will distribute a comment card that covers everything from how friendly parks staff are, to the enforcement of park regulations.

"Ontario is acknowledged internationally for its outstanding parks system," said Mr. Kerrio. "The object of this review is to make sure we're in tune with what users -- especially families -- expect of us these days so we can maintain that good reputation."

Besides users, the big beneficiaries of the review will be MNR parks staff who are always looking for new ways to improve services, facilities and programs.

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Among other things, the council will ask the public to comment on the following: the need for the alcohol ban in selected parks on May weekends; facilities, such as picnic tables, electrical hook-ups, washrooms; outdoor skills training; evening programs; parks staff hospitality; the campsite reservation service and the suitability of information that's available about parks.

Parks staff will distribute a brochure to park visitors which includes a comment card that can be mailed to Lloyd Burridge, Chairman, Provincial Parks Council, 2450 McDougall Street, Windsor, Ontario N8X 3N5. The public may also comment by telephoning the council's Windsor office at (519) 255-6731.

In addition, the council will be visiting a number of provincial parks this summer in order to meet directly with park users.- The schedule is as follows:

July 23 -- Kettle Lakes Provincial Park

July 25 -- Lake Superior Provincial Park

August 19 -- The Pinery Provincial Park

August 21 -- Sandbanks Provincial Park

The deadline for submitting comments is September 15, in order for the parks council to submit a report to the Minister by October 31. That report will be made public later in the year.

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The Provincial Parks Council is an eight-member citizens' advisory committee that reports directly to the Minister of Natural Resources on matters related to Ontario's provincial parks.

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LONGER SEASON, OTHER
CHANGES AFFECT AURORA
TROUT ANGLING FOR 87

July 29, 1987

A longer season is one of three important changes in angling conditions for aurora trout in 1987, the Ministry of Natural Resources announced today.

The open season will be from August 1 to September 30. In addition, no gasoline motors of any kind will be allowed on lakes open for angling; nor will the use of live baitfish be allowed. These changes are in accord with the desires of many anglers.

The increase in season length (from one month to two months) will offer improved angling conditions, with increased angler returns and a more colorful fish since it is close to the fall spawning time, when the males become darker and the females lighter. The 1986 experience indicated that motors frightened the fish. Prohibition of live baitfish will greatly reduce the possibilities of introducing unwanted fish species.

Angling will again be possible only on Carol Lake (Gogama) and Big Club Lake (Timmins). The possession limit will remain at one fish per angler.

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The ministry is actively promoting the aurora trout (a unique color phase of brook trout) as a rare trophy fish.

The aurora trout was first discovered in 1923 in the Temagami area of Ontario. It was saved from extinction, due to increased acidification of its home waters, by transferring aurora eggs to the Hill's Lake hatchery, near Charlton, Ontario in the late 1950s.

From these beginnings, the aurora trout expanded into a few sanctuary lakes in northeastern Ontario to be used as "wild" brood. Not all the sanctuary brood waters were required and Carol Lake and Big Club Lake were opened to angling on a one-fish possession limit for a one-month season in August, 1986.

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CANADIAN COUNCIL OF FOREST MINISTERS
CONCLUDE FINAL MEETING
IN NEW BRUNSWICK

The Canadian Council of Forest Ministers, formed in 1985 to devise a national forest sector strategy to manage the forest resource and develop the industry, has concluded its fourth and final meeting in Saint John, New Brunswick.

Federal, provincial and territorial ministers responsible for forestry in their respective jurisdictions, met for two days with leaders from industry, labor, academia, wildlife federations and related associations.

Ontario Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio, reviewing the success of the Council, said he was pleased with the four forestry forums and the National Forestry Congress which led to the ideas and consensus for a national forest strategy.

"The National Forest Sector Strategy is a set of progressive guidelines which will help achieve a number of national forestry objectives," said Mr. Kerrio.

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Among them:

- increased federal commitment for funding in forestry, and for the integrated management of the resource to accommodate wildlife and environmental objectives;
- a recognition of the need for worker adjustment, training and retraining, as well as programs to enable the displaced worker to benefit from productivity gains; and
- increased youth-oriented education and public awareness of the importance of forestry to Canadians.

"I am pleased, in particular, with the emphasis on developing school curricula to incorporate information on the forest sector," said Mr. Kerrio. "The future of our forests depends on teaching young people about them today."

Mr. Kerrio noted all the participants in this fourth and final forum strongly support the adoption of the National Forest Sector Strategy by their own organizations.

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SHORT-TERM JOBS
BENEFIT WILDLIFE AND PEOPLE
IN ALGONQUIN REGION



August 5, 1987

Eleven unemployed people in the Algonquin area will spend part of the fall season gaining work experience in fish and wildlife management projects sponsored jointly by the provincial and federal governments.

The projects, which will allow the workers to supplement their unemployment insurance benefits, offer a total of 141 weeks of work at a total cost of \$67,361.40.

The largest project, in the Pembroke district, will employ five people in thinning hardwood and conifer stands to improve habitat for deer.

"Habitat improvement projects, like this, have been a boon for Ontario deer," said Ontario Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio. "A combination of good deer management practices and environmental factors have led to deer populations doubling in just seven years."

In the Parry Sound area, three people will work in a new deer yard, creating a trail system and plots for the animals to browse in.

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And in the Bancroft area, three people will be employed on a project that will gather data on fall lake trout spawning.

The federal government provides people with their regular UI benefits to a maximum of \$318 a week. The Ministry of Natural Resources provides support costs as well as equipment and materials. The ministry may also provide a wage supplement to match prevailing wage rates.

"It is gratifying to see the continued success of this type of employment program," said federal Employment and Immigration Minister Benoit Bouchard. "Through this funding, workers are being given an opportunity to develop their skills at a time of high unemployment and, at the same time, valuable community projects are being completed."

The federal-provincial job creation program is jointly funded by Employment and Immigration Canada and the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources. Project areas include fisheries, wildlife, parks, lands, forestry and conservation authorities.

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SPECIAL EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM APPROVALS FOR ALGONQUIN REGION, ONTARIO

August 1987

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>WORKERS</u>	<u>WEEKS</u>	<u>COST (\$)</u>
Bancroft	Fisheries	Crowe Valley Conservation Authority		Full index netting and investigate fall lake trout spawning	3	27	11,670
Parry Sound	Wildlife	Town of Parry Sound		Create trail system and browse plots in new deer yard	3	39	20,925
Pembroke	Wildlife	Township of Richards & Hogarty		Thinning of hardwood and conifer stands to improve stands for deer	5	75	34,766.40



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August 6, 1987

DAMAGE BY
GYPSY MOTHS DROPS
90 PER CENT IN 1987

"Defoliation caused by gypsy moths this year is down by 90 per cent compared with 1986," Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio said today.

"About 13,000 hectares of forest suffered moderate to severe defoliation in 1987. In 1986, more than 167,000 hectares of forest were seriously defoliated," Kerrio said.

At the infestation's peak in 1985, gypsy moths defoliated 246,000 hectares.

Provincial entomologist Joe Churcher said natural factors are behind the collapse of the gypsy moth population.

"Probably the most important cause of the decline is a naturally-occurring virus, which appears to have caught up with the gypsy moth," he said.

Parasitic wasps and flies which feed on gypsy moth eggs and larvae, as well as predators including birds, beetles and small mammals such as mice and moles, have also helped to reduce gypsy moth numbers. Other natural controls such as inclement weather also contributed to the decrease in population.

The gypsy moth arrived in Ontario in 1969. A single gypsy moth caterpillar can devour several leaves a day, and in heavily-infested areas they are a visible nuisance. Repeated annual defoliation can weaken trees, making them vulnerable to disease or severe weather.

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Since 1985, the Ministry of Natural Resources has carried out a successful aerial spraying program to reduce defoliation in heavily-infested areas, using the biological insecticide Bacillus thuringiensis, or Bt.

The ministry sprayed 40,250 hectares of forest this year, compared to 103,000 hectares in 1986.

"The 1987 gypsy moth aerial spray program went exceedingly well," said Alec Denys, of MNR's Tweed District. "We were able to cover all of the target areas, and we had excellent results in meeting our objective of protecting foliage within those identified, high-value areas."

He said although the damage has been dramatically reduced, eastern Ontario continues to be the most severely infested part of the province, particularly small pockets in Northumberland and Hastings counties; the Kasshabog Lake area in Peterborough County and the area around Charleston Lake Provincial Park in Leeds and Grenville County.

Ministry entomologists and Canadian Forestry Service staff will begin a count of gypsy moth egg masses in late September which will provide forecast information about the population levels which can be expected next year.

Planning for 1988 Crown and private land protection will begin in early August. Ministry staff and municipal representatives will be meeting to set program details and to explore the need for co-operative spray arrangements for private land.

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August 13, 1987

BRIDGE REBUILDING
AFFECTS FALL HUNTING SEASON
NEAR WENEBEGON RIVER

The Ministry of Natural Resources is building a new bridge over the Wenebagon River in the Blind River district.

The bridge is being built to replace one that collapsed earlier this year into the river on the Hinckler Road in Martel Township, about two kilometres from Highway 129.

During the two months the bridge is under construction by the Ministry of Natural Resources -- approximately from mid-September to mid-November -- there will be no way to drive across the river.

Hunters will have to make special transportation arrangements this fall while the new bridge is under construction.

The area is a popular site for moose and black bear hunting. The bridge construction will be of particular interest to those hunters who have a validation tag specifically to hunt an adult moose in the area.

The Hinckler Road was originally built as a logging road, and extends 47 kilometres east of Highway 129. It provides access to the Townships of Martel, Lane, Laughren, Lawlor, Meen, Morningstar, Nuttall, Parrott and McKeough.

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Moose hunting tags are allocated according to geographically-designated MNR Wildlife Management Units (WMU). Part of one such area, WMU 38, will be inaccessible by road because of the construction.

"People might wish to park their vehicles on the east side of the river, and boat back and forth during the construction period," said Russ Wood, lands and engineering services supervisor for MNR's Blind River District office.

Vehicles will be allowed to park off the Hinckler Road, but must be well off the right of way and at least 300 metres from the bridge site.

Local trappers and tourist outfitters are being notified directly about the situation by MNR's district office.

"Hunters who are using an outfitter's services this fall may wish to contact the outfitter to decide on individual arrangements," said Mr. Wood.

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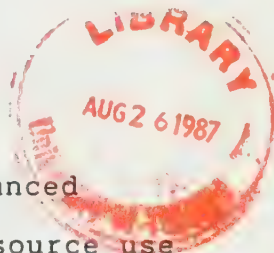
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LOCAL LEADERS ASKED TO REVIEW
LAND USE ISSUES
IN TEMAGAMI AREA



Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio announced today the creation of a working group to review resource use issues in the area around the Lady Evelyn-Smoothwater Provincial Park.

"The Temagami Area Working Group will identify the concerns raised about this area in recent months, and suggest options to resolve potential use conflicts," Mr. Kerrio said.

"The Temagami district has been the subject of controversy in recent months. Some people advocate continuing with approved plans to log the area, while others want the status of the area changed to become a wilderness reserve. There are widely varying claims respecting the capacity of the area to support different land uses. This committee will look at that and other use conflicts."

An independent chairman will lead the working group, which will include municipal leaders, representatives of the tourism, forestry and mining industries, native peoples, the local cottaging and youth camp associations and local fish and game clubs.

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The government, in setting up the working group, will give it instructions to provide recommendations for a buffer zone around the park to achieve two important goals:

- o environmental values will be protected for present and future generations, and

- o the natural resources of the Temagami district will continue to support jobs for the residents of the region.

"This government is equally committed to protecting the environment, and protecting jobs in northern Ontario," said Mr. Kerrio. "The working group must keep both points in mind in considering the needs of the Temagami area."

The working group will give interested groups and individuals several opportunities to advance their views for long-term solutions at a series of public meetings throughout the area. All written briefs will be made available to the public. The committee will submit its report to Mr. Kerrio by December 1, 1987.

"In the meantime, and in accordance with the publicly reviewed and approved forest management plan for the area, I am allowing William Milne & Sons Limited to continue its forestry operations near Gull Lake, which is approximately 30 kilometres outside the park," Mr. Kerrio said.

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"The company had asked for permission to construct a forest access road to the Gull Lake area from Highway 805. As an alternative, they have been given permission to transport the wood supply and equipment across Lake Temagami," he said.

"This means there is no need to build an access road into the Gull Lake area. This option will also significantly reduce the impact of harvesting operations on other uses in this area."

Mr. Kerrio said Milne, the second-largest employer in Temagami, has a very tight wood supply and timber allocations on the west side of Lake Temagami are critical to its continued operation.

"The company has considerable experience using the lake as a transportation route," he added. "Transportation of logs by water has taken place in this area for more than 100 years."

"No water transportation will take place until after Labour Day."

"I am looking to the Temagami Area Working Group to identify all issues and concerns, and make creative recommendations for long-term solutions to the resource use conflicts in the Temagami area."

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November 12, 1987

CONSULTANTS SELECTED
FOR CROWN LAND
DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

A provincial government initiative promoting economic development took a major step forward today with the selection of two groups of consultants which will produce recommendations to assist the Ministry of Natural Resources make better use of Crown land.

"We have traditionally placed a high priority on preserving this land," said Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio. "But this vast area, much of it in the North, represents opportunities to bring in business and boost the economy."

"To do this, we want to get the best possible professional advice on how Crown land can be used most beneficially, while placing considerable emphasis on protecting our wilderness and the quality of the environment."

The studies are one part of the implementation of an Ontario Government initiative to promote Crown land as a development tool (CLADT). The CLADT program applies across the province, although emphasis is being placed upon proposals for land use in Northern Ontario.

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A consortium comprising Anthony Usher Planning Consultant, Michael Michalski Associates, both of Toronto, and Christopher Rees of North Bay, will conduct a review of the ministry's land disposition policies. The study is expected to recommend amendments to these policies so that Crown land can be made more readily available to Ontario's entrepreneurs.

Cottaging, water-based recreation, tourism facilities, aquaculture, peat extraction and small hydro-electric projects are examples of the types of land use being promoted in the CLADT program. Intensified investment is being encouraged in six primary development areas: Ear Falls, Ignace, Atikokan, Wawa, the Detour Lake/Abitibi corridor and Whitney.

A second group led by Woods Gordon Management Consultants will study the potential for cottaging on Crown land and produce a detailed market assessment and economic profile of benefits to be derived from using Crown land in this way. The Woods Gordon team includes: consulting engineers, the Proctor and Redfern Group; planning specialists, Bird and Hale; and the Institute of Environmental Research, all of Toronto. A number of team members are based in Northern Ontario.

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Disposition of Crown land for cottaging resumed this year after a five-year break. Since the beginning of August, 190 cottage lots have been sold or leased through public draws.

"We've had over 1,600 people register in the public draws," said Mr. Kerrio. "So it's easy to see that there's tremendous interest in our cottaging program."

The cottage lots averaged 0.2 hectares (about half an acre). Prices were set at a fair market value after land appraisals by provincial government officials. They ranged from \$4,500 to \$10,500 each. Leases were available at six per cent of the market price per year. Public draws were advertised in local newspapers, and lots which were not disposed of at the draws are later offered on a 'first-come, first-served' basis.

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November 19, 1987

LAURENTIAN PRESIDENT
NAMED CHAIRMAN OF
TEMAGAMI WORKING GROUP

John S. Daniel, the president of Laurentian University, Sudbury, has been appointed chairman of the working group that will review land use issues around Lady Evelyn-Smoothwater Provincial Park in the Temagami area.

Besides his strong international background in education, science and technology, Mr. Daniel is an active northern community leader. He is a member of the Sudbury Region Northern Development Council, and vice-president of the 1988 World Junior Championships in Athletics to be held in Sudbury. In 1985 Mr. Daniel was chairman of the Sudbury and District United Way campaign.

"Finding ways to resolve the land use issues in the Temagami area, and devising practical options, will require a major commitment from all members of the working group," he said.

Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio, who announced Mr. Daniel's appointment today, said: "We're thrilled to be able to get someone with John's capabilities, international experience and northern community experience, and openness to new ideas and methods."

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The 45-year-old educator has attended, and lectured, at various universities, including Oxford, the University of Paris, western Canada's Athabasca University, the University of Quebec and Montreal's Concordia University and Ecole Polytechnique.

Mr. Kerrio said he will be inviting the major groups with an interest in Temagami to submit names of representatives to sit on the working group which, when formed, will be instructed to report back to the government within three months.

Lady Evelyn Smoothwater Provincial Park was created in 1983 as a wilderness park where logging is banned. Recently, the Temagami area has been the subject of a public debate.

"The makeup of the Temagami Area Working Group will represent a fair balance of the interest groups involved," said Mr. Kerrio. "It will include representatives invited from groups with interests in forestry, the environment, recreation, tourism and others involved with the economic well-being of the communities in the area."

Mr. Kerrio said the group will review concerns raised about this area, and recommend options to resolve resource use conflicts.

Mr. Kerrio said the working group under Mr. Daniel will operate with two objectives in mind:

- That environmental values will be protected for present and future generations; and,

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- That the natural resources of the Temagami area will continue to support jobs for the residents of the region.

Mr. Kerrio said the working group will hold meetings to receive public input and that written submissions will be made available for public review.

Correctional Services Minister David Ramsay, MPP for Temiskaming, noted that the working group's recommendations must keep both environmental and economic objectives in mind in considering the needs of the Temagami area.

Mr. Ramsay said, "There is an opportunity here to conserve and manage prime tourism and forestry resources while maintaining the economic well-being of the area."

René Fontaine, Minister of Northern Development said the working group review "represents the best possible way to involve all interest groups and at the same time foster more co-operation and communication between concerned parties."

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December 10, 1987

MINISTER ASKS YOUNGSTERS
AGED 9 TO 11 TO PICK
ONTARIO'S PROVINCIAL BIRD

Ontario has an official flower, an official tree and an official mineral, but there is one emblem we lack, which most other provinces have. That's an official bird.

"I am asking youngsters aged nine to 11 to help fill that gap by participating in a contest to choose an official bird for Ontario," Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio said.

"Birds are a significant part of Ontario's natural heritage. They play an important role environmentally, and provide hours of enjoyment to people like myself, who like to watch them," he said.

All types of birds, such as waterfowl, songbirds, game birds and birds of prey should be considered for the emblem.

The contest is part of the province's Wildlife '87 activities marking the 100th anniversary of the founding of Canada's first wildlife sanctuary at Last Mountain Lake in Saskatchewan.

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Youngsters should consider the following guidelines when preparing their entries:

- The bird must be native to Ontario (not an introduced species such as the English sparrow or the starling), fairly well known and found throughout most of Ontario.
- Youngsters should avoid choosing endangered species.
- Birds that have already been chosen as the emblem of another province, such as the blue jay, which is the official bird of Prince Edward Island, should also be avoided.
- Other birds which already represent a province or territory are: Steller's jay (British Columbia); great horned owl (Alberta); prairie sharp-tailed grouse (Saskatchewan); great gray owl (Manitoba); horned lark (Quebec); black-capped chickadee (New Brunswick); belted kingfisher (Nova Scotia); Atlantic puffin (Newfoundland) and the common raven (Yukon Territory).
- The contest is open to all youngsters in Ontario born between January 1, 1976 and December 31, 1978.
- One entry per person will be allowed, naming a bird and including a one paragraph explanation with or without drawing outlining why it should be chosen as the official emblem of Ontario.

Of all the suitable birds proposed, the one most often selected as a result of the children's research will be chosen Ontario's official bird. A winning entry will also be chosen based on the quality of the explanation in his or her entry. The winner will be required to show proof of age, such as a birth certificate, to ensure contest rules were met.

The winner will receive a piece of artwork and a copy of the newly-released Atlas of the Breeding Birds of Ontario.

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All entries should be mailed as soon as possible to:

Ministry of Natural Resources
Wildlife Branch
P. O. Box 118
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Entries must be received by January 31, 1988 to be eligible for the contest. The Minister will announce the winning bird and make the presentation to the winning entrant during National Wildlife Week, April 10 to 17, 1988.

The trillium, Ontario's provincial flower, was selected through a similar children's contest. The white pine and the amethyst are Ontario's other official emblems.

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December 10, 1987

MINISTER INVITES INDIVIDUALS
TO TAKE PART IN
TEMAGAMI AREA WORKING GROUP

Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio is proceeding with finalizing membership in the Temagami Area Working Group. When he announced the appointment of Dr. John S. Daniel of Laurentian University as chairman on November 19, Mr. Kerrio invited major groups with an interest in Temagami to submit names of representatives to sit on a working group. This working group's mandate is to review land use issues in the Temagami area.

The following names were submitted and Mr. Kerrio has invited these individuals to participate in the working group.

The individuals are: Ron Prefasi, Don Carr, Ivor Horncastle, Linda Major, Doug Vidler, Tim Gooderham and Hap Wilson, all of Temagami; Mel Giles and Terry Fiset, Elk Lake; Jack Craik, New Liskeard; Michael DeCaen, Sturgeon Falls; Bruce Hodgins, Peterborough; Brian Back, Willowdale; and Bob MacGregor, Sault Ste. Marie. *

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* The affiliations of these individuals are listed at the end of this release.

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The invitees are from groups interested in land use issues in the area surrounding Lady Evelyn-Smoothwater Provincial Park -- municipalities, naturalist groups, the forest industry, wilderness organizations, anglers and hunters, a youth camp organization, tourist operators, local residents, prospectors and developers, and Temagami area cottagers.

"We have invited people who represent a broad range of interests but whose common bond, I believe, is to secure the best possible future for the Temagami area," Mr. Kerrio said. "As a result, we have not only a fair representation of the major interests, but representatives who will be fair in their deliberations." The Minister is requesting that these individuals respond to his invitation by Monday, December 14.

Logging has been banned in Lady Evelyn-Smoothwater Provincial Park since it was established in 1983, but multiple use resource development in the Temagami area has become a subject of public debate.

Mr. Kerrio said the working group will operate with two objectives in mind:

- o That environmental values will be protected for present and future generations; and,
- o That the natural resources of the Temagami area will continue to support jobs for the residents of the region

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Chairman Daniel has announced that the working group will meet before Christmas and begin holding public meetings in January, in the Timiskaming area, to obtain input from all interested persons.

"Individuals and organizations wishing to submit briefs to the Temagami Area Working Group are required to submit them, or declare intention to do so, by January 5, 1988 so that copies may be available for circulation at the public meetings," said Dr. Daniel. Those wishing to give short verbal presentations should also make their intentions known by January 5, 1988.

Presentations should be sent to Dr. John Daniel, Chairman, Temagami Area Working Group, c/o I.N.O.R.D., Laurentian University, Sudbury, Ontario, P3E 2C6.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: A copy of the working group's terms of reference is attached.

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TEMAGAMI AREA WORKING GROUP TERMS OF REFERENCE

Mandate

1. To review and report on land and resource use issues on the Crown land area around the Lady Evelyn-Smoothwater Provincial Park.
2. To provide recommendations to the Government through the Minister of Natural Resources for long-term solutions to the land and resource use conflicts which are identified.

Terms of Reference

The Working Group's Terms of Reference are as follows:

1. The Working Group shall identify and review the concerns raised about this area in recent months.
2. The matters to be considered by the Working Group shall include, but will not be restricted to:
 - i) the principle of a buffer zone around the park; including the size of such a buffer and uses to be permitted within it;
 - ii) the ability of the area to support different land uses.
3. The Working Group shall recommend options for resolving land use conflicts in the area, recognizing two objectives:
 - i) that environmental values will be protected for present and future generations; and
 - ii) that the natural resources of the Temagami area will continue to support jobs for the residents of the region.

4. The Working Group shall hold public meetings to review public input. The meetings will be held at the direction of the Chairman.
5. Written submissions to the Working Group shall be made available to the public at the earliest opportunity.
6. The Working Group shall submit its findings in the form of a report to the Minister of Natural Resources within three months of the establishment of the Committee. The Working Committee will cease to function once the report is submitted.
7. The Minister of Natural Resources shall make the report with recommendations of the Working Group available to the public.
8. The Working Group will be provided with such administrative, clerical support staff and technical advice as necessary for the Working Group to carry out its assigned mandate.



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RABIES HOT SPOTS
CONTINUE TO CENTRE
ON EASTERN AND SOUTHWESTERN ONTARIO

The hot spots for rabies in Ontario next year will shift to eastern Ontario counties south of Ottawa, and to those south and west of Kitchener-Waterloo, according to provincial wildlife and health officials.

Hot spots, or areas with a 75 per cent or greater probability of outbreak in eastern Ontario next year include Ottawa-Carleton Region, Leeds, Grenville, Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Counties. In southwestern Ontario, they include Wellington, Waterloo, Huron, Perth, Oxford, Brant and Elgin Counties.

In the first 10 months of 1986, a total of 3,462 people were treated for rabies -- a 97-per-cent increase over 1985. This makes it the worst year for rabies since 1958 when records started being kept.

"At the current rate, the number of people treated for rabies by the end of 1986 could go as high as 4,154," said Dr. Charles Le Ber, senior veterinary consultant with the Ministry of Health.

He said that between January 1, 1986 and October 31, there were 2,946 reported cases of rabies reported involving wild and domestic animals, compared with 1,651 cases for the same period last year. This represents an 78-per-cent increase.

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As usual, high numbers of cases were reported in eastern and southwestern Ontario. Foxes topped the list, with skunks a distant second. There were no surprises, except for the 28 raccoons reported in 1986.

Dr. Le Ber said raccoon rabies is a major problem in Pennsylvania. If it moves northwards, it could spell trouble in southern Ontario communities where raccoon populations are already sizeable.

But long-term prospects are nevertheless encouraging, says Dr. Andrew Rhodes, Chairman of the Rabies Advisory Committee of the MNR.

Le Ber and Rhodes were cautiously optimistic about MNR's program of vaccinating wildlife by dropping thousands of baits containing live vaccine from aircraft. For the past two years, the ministry has tested the program on the fox population in an experimental area within Huron County.

Although rabies will continue to be a serious problem for the foreseeable future, Dr. Rhodes said that an expanded bait-drop program will lead ultimately to controlling outbreaks of rabies among foxes -- the primary wildlife carriers of the disease in Ontario.

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December 14, 1987

CONSERVATION LAND ACT
WILL MEAN TAX REBATE
FOR LANDOWNERS

An Act to encourage conservation of privately-owned, significant conservation and heritage lands was introduced today by Ontario Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio.

"The Conservation Land Act is an indication of this province's commitment to preserving natural heritage sites in Ontario," Mr. Kerrio told the Legislature.

The Conservation Land Act paves the way for a new program that will enable owners of recognized conservation lands to recover property taxes if they agree to maintain the special features of their lands.

"The kinds of lands I propose to include are Class 1, 2 and 3 wetlands, provincially-significant areas of natural and scientific interest, natural areas within the Niagara Escarpment area, non-revenue producing land owned by conservation authorities, and other land owned by non-profit organizations," Mr. Kerrio said.

Under the program, owners of properties that qualify will be eligible for 100 per cent tax rebates.

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Mr. Kerrio said the program would provide tax incentives similar to those now claimed by owners of agricultural or managed forest lands.

"By offering this kind of material support to the owners of conservation lands, we are telling them that we recognize the important role they play as stewards of these lands," Mr. Kerrio said.

Details of the proposed program will be announced early in the new year, and tax rebates will apply to taxes paid from January 1, 1987.

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STATEMENT TO THE LEGISLATURE

BY

THE HONOURABLE VINCENT G. KERRIO
ONTARIO MINISTER OF NATURAL RESOURCES

DECEMBER 14, 1987
3 P.M.

THE CONSERVATION LAND ACT

MR. SPEAKER, I WILL BE INTRODUCING THE
CONSERVATION LAND ACT TO THE HOUSE TODAY.

THIS ACT IS AN INDICATION OF THIS PROVINCE'S
COMMITMENT TO PRESERVING NATURAL HERITAGE SITES IN
ONTARIO. AND I AM SURE IT WILL MAKE A NUMBER OF
LANDOWNERS IN ONTARIO VERY HAPPY.

THE PURPOSE OF THE CONSERVATION LAND ACT IS TO
RECOGNIZE THE OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION WHICH
PRIVATELY OWNED CONSERVATION AND HERITAGE LANDS
MAKE TO ONTARIO'S CULTURE.

MR. SPEAKER, THE ACT PROVIDES THE LEGISLATIVE
FRAMEWORK TO ESTABLISH A NEW PROGRAM THAT WILL
PROVIDE A MONETARY INCENTIVE TO PROPERTY OWNERS
WHO MAINTAIN THE SPECIAL FEATURES OF THESE LANDS.

TO THAT END, MR. SPEAKER, THE ACT ESTABLISHES THE BASIS FOR THE CONSERVATION LAND TAX REDUCTION PROGRAM. AND THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT IT IS.

THE ACT WILL RECOGNIZE PROVINCIALY SIGNIFICANT AREAS OF NATURAL AND SCIENTIFIC INTEREST, SIGNIFICANT WETLANDS, SOME LANDS WITHIN THE NIAGARA ESCARPMENT PLANNING AREA, NON-REVENUE PRODUCING LANDS BELONGING TO CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES, AND OTHER LAND OWNED BY NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS.

UNDER THIS PROGRAM, OWNERS OF THESE SPECIFIC CONSERVATION LANDS WILL BE PROVIDED WITH A 100 PER CENT REBATE ON MUNICIPAL TAXES.

IN EFFECT, THE PROVINCE IS PROPOSING TO PAY THE PROPERTY TAXES OF THESE LANDS AS A WAY OF ENCOURAGING THE OWNERS TO MAINTAIN THE SPECIAL FEATURES OF THESE LANDS.

THE HOUSE MAY BE AWARE, MR. SPEAKER, THAT IN THE PAST, THE TAX SITUATION DID NOT RECOGNIZE CONSERVATION LANDS. IT DID, HOWEVER, RECOGNIZE AGRICULTURAL AND MANAGED FOREST LANDS. THESE LANDS ARE ALREADY ELIGIBLE FOR TAX REBATES.

THE CONSERVATION LAND TAX REDUCTION PROGRAM WILL PUT CONSERVATION LAND ON THE SAME FOOTING AS AGRICULTURAL AND MANAGED FOREST LAND.

MR. SPEAKER, BY OFFERING THIS KIND OF MATERIAL SUPPORT TO THE OWNERS OF CONSERVATION LANDS, WE ARE TELLING THEM THAT WE RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANT ROLE THEY PLAY AS STEWARDS OF OUR HERITAGE LANDS.

WE TRUST THIS WILL ALSO BE AN INCENTIVE TO LANDOWNERS TO NOT CONVERT CONSERVATION LANDS TO OTHER USES.

MR. SPEAKER, THE MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES HAS BEEN WORKING WITH THE MINISTRY OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTRY OF REVENUE ON THIS PROGRAM. WE ARE PINPOINTING THE PROVINCIALY SIGNIFICANT CONSERVATION LANDS, AND THEIR OWNERS, THAT QUALIFY FOR THE TAX REBATE PROGRAM.

THIS INVOLVES HUNDREDS-OF-THOUSANDS OF HECTARES OF LAND, AND MANY THOUSANDS OF LANDOWNERS.

FOLLOWING APPROVAL OF PROGRAM DETAILS, THE MINISTRY OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS WILL BE CONTACTING THESE LANDOWNERS IN MARCH, 1988, TO INFORM THEM ABOUT THE NEW PROGRAM AND THEIR ELIGIBILITY FOR A TAX REBATE. THIS REBATE WILL APPLY TO TAXES WHICH HAVE BEEN PAID SINCE JANUARY 1ST, 1987.

WE ESTIMATE THE COST OF THE PROGRAM WILL BE ABOUT \$5-MILLION ANNUALLY, BUT THE BENEFITS TO THIS PROVINCE FAR OUTWEIGH THIS.

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES AND PRIVATE LANDOWNERS WHO HAVE LONG RECOGNIZED THE VALUE OF HERITAGE LANDS, WILL WELCOME THIS INITIATIVE. I AM CERTAIN IT WILL DEMONSTRATE TO LANDOWNERS THAT THIS PROVINCE IS COMMITTED TO WORKING AS PARTNERS WITH LANDOWNERS IN PRESERVING CONSERVATION AND HERITAGE LANDS.

THANK YOU, MR. SPEAKER.



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ONTARIO NATIVE AFFAIRS DIRECTORATE
TO CO-ORDINATE PROVINCIAL POSITIONS
ON LAND CLAIMS

The Ontario Native Affairs Directorate (ONAD) has been given a new responsibility as part of its function of developing a co-ordinated government approach to native issues.

ONAD has been charged with carrying out native land claims research. This was previously the responsibility of the Ministry of Natural Resources, through its Office of Indian Resource Policy. Continuing discussions with various Indian Bands on native land claims that are currently being researched by MNR, will become the responsibility of ONAD over a transitional period.

Some staff from that Office are being transferred from MNR to the Ontario Native Affairs Directorate; the remainder will be incorporated into MNR program areas.

MNR continues to be responsible for any land and natural resources components of land claim settlements.

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"This transfer of responsibility means the Ontario Native Affairs Directorate will be responsible for researching and developing government positions on native land claims," the Minister Responsible for Native Affairs, Ian Scott, said today.

"My Ministry will continue to be the lead agency involved in fishing, hunting and trapping negotiations," said Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio. "We continue to work closely with native people in the day-to-day management and allocation of natural resources."

The transfer of land claims research to ONAD means that the Directorate's functions now include carrying out historical research; obtaining legal and other opinions on the issues in native land claims; obtaining and considering the advice of various ministries; and developing the government position on each native claim or issue.

"Through this consolidation, we aim to improve our efficiency and effectiveness in delivering services to the native people of Ontario," Mr. Scott said.

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YOUTH FISHERIES EDUCATION PROGRAM
TO RAISE AWARENESS
ABOUT ONTARIO'S FISHERIES



A program aimed at teaching school children the value of Ontario's fisheries was announced today by Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio.

The program will be locally funded by the ministry's Resident Sport Fishing Licence Program, in which funds equivalent to revenues from licence sales are re-invested in fisheries projects.

"Besides teaching a basic understanding of our fisheries, the Youth Fisheries Education Program will instil in our young people an appreciation of the importance of the wise management of the resource," Mr. Kerrio said.

A steering committee, composed of representatives of the Ministries of Natural Resources, Education and the Environment, will oversee the development of a curriculum package and material aids for kindergarten to grade 13 teachers. The package is expected to be ready for provincewide distribution in time for the 1989-90 school year.

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Other program components include a fisheries management video, newsletters for educators, fisheries activity guidebooks for community youth groups, interpretive displays and a touring theatre group.

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STEEP ROCK RESOURCES
RETURNS CLOSED
MINING SITE TO CROWN

The Ministries of Natural Resources and Northern Development and Mines have concluded an agreement with Steep Rock Resources Inc. under which the company will surrender most of a closed mining site to the Crown.

The 5,260 hectare site, located at Atikokan, 210 kilometres west of Thunder Bay, has been dormant since 1979. Under the terms of the agreement, the company will surrender all lands with clear title and will pay \$579,000 to the Province in two installments. The Province will assume responsibility for both the surrendered properties and the water control structures on them. The surrender is expected to be completed within three months.

"It's very encouraging that Steep Rock Resources has already invested heavily in the removal of buildings and other potential hazards," said Dave Elder, manager of MNR's Atikokan district. "But we will be making sure the public is aware of the parts of the site, including the mining pits, which still present a risk to users." The company will retain ownership of the two PCB sites in the area.

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A committee, representing government agencies and the local community, will be appointed to develop a plan for using the land to the greatest economic and social benefit of Atikokan.

The committee will consider such options as: selling parcels for industrial development, creating a mining theme park, and using ponds on the site for rearing fish. A ski hill which has been operating on the premises for a number of years will remain. Once the plan is complete, it will be available for public review.

Steep Rock was a major producer of iron ore products from the early 1940s to 1979. The development was a massive engineering project including the diversion of rivers, the drainage of lakes and the construction of many water control structures.

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TWO NEW MEMBERS
APPOINTED TO
FISHERIES ADVISORY COUNCIL

A former president of the Ontario Fish Producers Association and a co-producer of a television fishing show have been appointed to the Ontario Fisheries Advisory Council.

George Purvis, president and general manager of Purvis Bros. Ltd., a commercial fishing operation and mink ranch at Silverwater, on Manitoulin Island, will represent the Ontario Fish Producers' Association on the council. He has been on the association's board of directors for more than 12 years, including two years as president.

Kenora resident Steve Green, a sales representative who works with tourist camps and is the co-host of the local television show "Gone Fishing," has also been appointed to the council.

"I am confident these men will assist this council in making recommendations that will benefit all of Ontario's fisheries resources," Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio said.

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The Fisheries Advisory Council was established in June 1987 to advise the Minister on the provincial fisheries management program policies, priorities and expenditures, including the spending of money raised from the sale of Ontario's resident sport fishing licence.

Purvis, who holds a Masters degree in Business Administration from the University of Western Ontario, has also been active on the executive of the Algoma-Manitoulin Fishermen's Association, and has served as a councillor for the Town of Gore Bay and as a trustee on the Manitoulin Board of Education.

Green has produced more than 20 episodes of the "Gone Fishing" show, and is currently working on a series about ice fishing.

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BLACK BEAR LICENCE
INCREASES ANNOUNCED FOR
1988 HUNTING SEASON

For the first time since 1980, hunters will pay more for their licences to hunt black bear, Ontario Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio announced today.

The fee for resident black bear hunters will increase to \$17.50 from \$10, to match the licence fee for deer hunting in Ontario.

Non-resident hunters will pay \$80, a \$55 increase. The new rate corresponds more closely to fees charged for non-resident black bear licences in other North American jurisdictions.

"Black bears are an important big game species in Ontario," Mr. Kerrio said. "The increased fees for the 1988 hunting season, along with changes to the hunting regulations introduced last spring, are part of the ministry's efforts to bring the black bear program into line with its deer and moose programs."

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February 22, 1988

INTERESTED IN WILDLIFE?
MNR ISSUES
DEFINITIVE TEXT ON FURBEARING ANIMALS

The Ministry of Natural Resources and the Ontario Trappers Association have launched what could become the premier reference encyclopedia on wild furbearing animals and the fur trade in North America.

"Wild Furbearer Management and Conservation in North America" contains 1,168 pages and 71 articles. This massive book was four years in the making.

It was written by 104 experts and double-checked by 225 leading wildlife authorities to ensure it is complete and accurate.

Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio released the book at the Ontario Trappers Association annual meeting in North Bay yesterday.

"'Wild Furbearer Management and Conservation in North America' will be a godsend to naturalists, biologists, students, wildlife administrators, trappers -- in fact, anyone who wants the most up-to-date information available on wild furbearers and the fur industry," Mr. Kerrio said.

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"It is a great reference work that belongs on the bookshelf of anyone interested in the future of wild furbearers on this continent", Mr. Kerrio added.

Articles in the book range from the history of the fur trade to humane harvesting methods; from the effects of toxic chemicals on furbearer populations to management principles and techniques.

Thirty chapters focus on the biology, management, habitat requirements and conservation of particular species.

The chapter about fur grading and pelt identification alone contains 849 color illustrations showing regional differences in pelt colors, and the pelt priming sequence for each species.

The Ontario Trappers Association published the book and will market it under a special agreement the association already has with the Ministry to distribute educational materials.

The book will be available by mid-March and can be ordered in advance from the association. MNR district offices will sell the book, starting in April. The cost for orders before June 30, 1988, is \$60 a copy, plus shipping and handling charges of \$4. There is a discount for volume orders. After June 30, the cost increases to \$75 a copy, plus shipping and handling.

A softbound supplement volume is also available. "Furbearer Harvests in North America, 1600 - 1984" is a collection of data about annual historical harvest levels for all furbearers.

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It will be of interest to wildlife managers and researchers interested in the impact of the fur trade on wildlife populations.

This volume can also be ordered directly from the OTA, for \$50 per supplement, plus a \$4 shipping and handling charge.

To order either book directly from the OTA, write to the Ontario Trappers Association, Education Division, P.O. Box 705, North Bay, Ontario P1B 8J8. Telephone is (705) 476-8777.

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MAPLE DISTRICT FISHERIES MANAGEMENT PLAN

March 8, 1988

Do you value the challenge of fighting a trophy-sized chinook in western Lake Ontario, fishing through the ice for whitefish on Lake Simcoe, fly fishing for brook trout in a quiet section of the upper Credit River, or sharing a fishing trip with a youngster at Grenadier Pond? If you answered yes to any part of the above question, then you can play an important role in fisheries planning.

The Maple District of the Ministry of Natural Resources is in the process of finalizing a plan to direct fisheries management from 1988 to the year 2000. The plan presents a brief summary of the attributes of the resource, current management practices, problems and issues facing fisheries, and resource use targets. Most importantly, the plan gives a detailed list of strategies and tactics that we propose to adopt to achieve our objectives of protecting and rehabilitating fish populations and fish habitat, providing fishing opportunities, enhancing public access and expanding fisheries education programs.

As part of this planning process, the public is invited to get involved by reviewing and commenting on the strategies and tactics presented in the draft version of the District Fisheries Management Plan giving special attention to the waters of interest to them. The final plan will be put into place in the spring of 1988, pending consideration of public input, final revisions and approval of the draft plan by fisheries managers.

The public is invited to attend one of the following meetings to be held from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on:

1. Monday, March 21, 1988 at The Cambridge Motor Hotel, Oxford Room, 600 Dixon Road (exit Hwy. 401 at Dixon), Rexdale, Ontario
2. Wednesday, March 23, 1988 at the Stephen Leacock Theatre, 80 Queensway S., Keswick, Ontario

Doors will be open at 7:00 p.m. There will be a display highlighting some of the features of the Maple fisheries resource and outlining the planning process. A slide presentation further explaining the planning process will be given at 7:30 p.m., followed by a question period and informal discussion with Ministry staff. Copies of the draft version of the District Fisheries Management Plan will be distributed. The public is encouraged to express their ideas, concerns or observations using the questionnaires provided. If you cannot attend the public meetings, a copy of the draft plan and questionnaire can be obtained by contacting the Maple District Office at (416) 832-2761 ext 338.

All questionnaires and written comments should be sent to the District Manager, Maple District, 10401 Dufferin Street, Maple, Ontario, L0J 1E0 by April 6, 1988.

Get involved.....it's your fishing future.

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MINISTER OF NATURAL RESOURCES
RECEIVES
TEMAGAMI REPORT

The report of the Temagami Area Working Group about land use issues on Crown land in the Temagami area was delivered to Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio today by the working group's chairman, Dr. John Daniel.

"I want to thank Dr. Daniel and the working group for their hard work in preparing this report," Mr. Kerrio said. "It was an extremely difficult task to assess the various points of view on land and resource use in the Temagami area and find practical options to present to us."

Mr. Kerrio established the Temagami Area Working Group last November to review and report on land use issues in an area around the Lady Evelyn-Smoothwater Provincial Park, which was established in 1983. The working group was also asked to make recommendations to the government, through the ministry, on long-term solutions to conflicts over the use of land and resources.

The working group's mandate was to ensure that environmental values will be protected for present and future generations and to ensure that the natural resources of the Temagami area will continue to support jobs for the residents of the region.

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Dr. Daniel, president of Laurentian University in Sudbury, said he believes the recommendations in the report will enhance employment in the Temagami area and will also enable all Ontarians to take greater pride in this pleasant part of the province.

"I detect a wide consensus in favor of our recommendations. Nearly everyone agrees that we can protect the back country environment without devastating the Temagami economy by banning forestry operations," Dr. Daniel said.

He added that the development of the report had been a "fascinating and rewarding experience."

The Minister invited 15 individuals, representing the major groups interested in the Temagami area, to sit on the working group with Dr. Daniel. The working group held public hearings in Elk Lake, Temagami and North Bay in January. More than 80 presentations were made to the working group.

"After studying the report and discussing it with my colleagues, I will move as quickly as possible to recommend a course of action. Then I will take that action plan to cabinet," Mr. Kerrio said.

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Copies of Dr. Daniel's report may be obtained at MNR district offices in Temagami, Sudbury, North Bay and Kirkland Lake; at MNR's Northeastern Region office in Sudbury; and at MNR's Public Information Centre in Toronto.

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April 7, 1988

BRUCE TRAIL PROJECT
TO IMPROVE LOCATION, MANAGEMENT
OF TRAIL ROUTE

A new project aimed at improving the planning and management of the Bruce Trail was announced today by Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio. Several provincial ministries, agencies and the Bruce Trail Association are involved in the undertaking.

"The Bruce Trail is the province's longest, most treasured footpath," Mr. Kerrio said. "This project will ensure that both the residents and visitors of Ontario will be able to fully enjoy its natural beauty."

The scenic Bruce Trail runs along the Niagara Escarpment from Queenston, on the Niagara River, to Tobermory, on the northern tip of the Bruce Peninsula.

It now meanders through public and private property. In some places, owners have not given verbal permission for users to cross their land, so the Trail uses public roadways.

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Project organizers hope to secure a permanent route. This will mean obtaining written permission for access from willing landowners, and possibly acquiring land to re-route sections where landowners don't give permission. More appropriate locations will also be sought for the one-third of the Trail that follows public roadways.

More than 430 kilometres will be secured for the Trail in this way. The total length will be 736 kilometres.

Planning and implementing a land acquisition program is just one of the project's objectives. Others include developing site plans for a permanent route, providing funds for acquiring land and preparing an agreement for the Trail's maintenance and management.

The project is one of several initiatives under the Niagara Escarpment Planning Act aimed at preserving the natural environment in and around the Niagara Escarpment.

Other programs are:

- o The Niagara Escarpment Land Acquisition Program -- MNR co-ordinates this program on behalf of five Ontario ministries, seven conservation authorities and the Bruce Trail Association. To date, the authorities have acquired 554 hectares of land, the ministry districts have purchased 731 hectares, and the association has secured 12.3 kilometres of the route. A total of \$7.3-million, made available through the Ontario Heritage Foundation, has been spent since the program began in 1985.

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"The program policy is to acquire land only from willing sellers," Mr. Kerrio said. "An extensive list of people willing to sell land has already been developed."

- o MNR also co-ordinated the Niagara Escarpment Access Study, which identifies possible sites for access parks along the escarpment. These small areas will provide modest facilities for day-use at rest areas, scenic points, trailheads, picnic sites, fishing spots and beaches. They will complement the larger and more developed parks already in place.

The study report is currently being circulated to conservation authorities, municipalities and public interest groups for review and recommendations.

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EDUCATION IS THE FOCUS
FOR ONTARIO'S
FOREST FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

The Ministry of Natural Resources is once again encouraging Ontarians to be careful with fires in and around the province's forests this year. "Forest Fire Prevention is You" is the theme of the ministry's public awareness campaign to be held during Forest Fire Prevention Week April 17 to 23.

The message is aimed at schoolchildren and the general public, especially those who use the forests for recreation -- campers, hunters, anglers, canoeists and picnickers.

"Forest fires take a heavy toll on the environment with the destruction of wildlife habitat, recreational opportunities and natural beauty," Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio said. "And they cost the province an average of \$1-billion each year including the value of wood destroyed and the \$50-million spent on fighting the fires."

Schools will receive teaching kits that include a 40-page workbook and video pointing out the values of Ontario's forests and ways to use fire safely in or near the forests. Kits are available at the ministry's district offices.

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Schoolchildren are once again invited to take part in a poster-slogan contest. The winning entries will be used in next year's campaign.

This year's symbol is a charred, smouldering forest showing the remains of a house, bordered by a red circle and a red slash across the picture. It will appear on grocery bags, buttons, bumper stickers, T-shirt transfers, rulers, balloons and posters.

The prevention message is also being sent to radio stations and newspapers across the province.

"Seventy per cent of forest fires start from an unattended campfire, or the careless use of matches and smoking materials," Mr. Kerrio said. "If we all work together to be more careful, we can reduce that figure and make sure we protect this most precious resource."

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NATURAL RESOURCES MINISTRY
TO CONTRIBUTE \$25,000
TO MANAGING BACKUS WOODS

The Ministry of Natural Resources is making a \$25,000 contribution to the Backus Woods Trust Fund to implement a management plan, designed by the Backus Group, to preserve a magnificent tract of Carolinian forest located south of Simcoe.

"Backus Woods is generally regarded as the most significant remnant of Carolinian forest remaining in Canada," Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio said. The Backus Group, formed in 1981, was made up of representatives from the provincial government, scientists, naturalists and the Long Point Region Conservation Authority, the owner of the Woods since the 1950s. The Group developed a comprehensive agreement for the protection of the area.

"The woods contain unique plant and wildlife species like the tulip tree, the black gum tree, the opossum, and the yellow-billed cuckoo. To recognize the importance of the Backus Woods my Ministry identified it as an Area of Natural and Scientific Interest (ANSI) in 1983," Mr. Kerrio said.

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MNR identifies ANSIs to protect exceptional examples of earth and life science features in the province. The program also promotes co-operation between MNR and other agencies and private landowners in conserving special areas.

The management agreement for the Backus Woods includes a commitment from the Ontario Heritage Foundation to raise \$150,000 for the Backus Woods Trust Fund, which will be used to pay the costs of managing the area, visitor services, education programs, research and maintenance.

The Trust Fund will be administered by the Ontario Heritage Foundation in co-operation with MNR and the conservation authority. A legal agreement, known as a conservation easement, is being negotiated between the Foundation and MNR and the conservation authority.

Other contributors to the Fund include: the Ontario Heritage Foundation, the World Wildlife Fund Canada, the Federation of Ontario Naturalists, the Norfolk Field Naturalists, the Hamilton Field Naturalists and the Long Point Foundation. The federal government will also soon be announcing its contribution toward the protection of Backus Woods.

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The Backus Woods Trust Fund is a separate but complementary program to the Carolinian Canada land protection program introduced last June. A \$3.6-million Carolinian Canada fund was created under which the province and several conservation groups each contribute \$1.8-million to protect 36 other key Carolinian sites.

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ONTARIO BEGINS NEGOTIATIONS
FOR MEMBERSHIP IN
GREAT LAKES FOREST FIRE COMPACT

Ontario Premier David Peterson and Michigan Governor James Blanchard today signed a document of intent as the first step toward Ontario's membership in the Great Lakes Forest Fire Compact.

The compact was formed by three states bordering Ontario -- Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin. Under the terms of the compact, these three states will assist each other with forest fire emergencies and share information and programs on fire prevention and fire control. As a member of the compact, Ontario would enjoy those benefits and would have access, in emergency situations, to fire control resources through resource-sharing agreements.

"We have been sharing mutually beneficial information and programs with this group on an informal basis," Premier Peterson said. "The agreement will formalize this relationship so that we can more effectively support each other in forest fire prevention and management."

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Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio said,
"It is especially fitting that this initiative has been
announced during Forest Fire Prevention Week."

The document of intent was signed after
discussions involving the Ontario ministries of Natural
Resources and Intergovernmental Affairs and Michigan's
State Forester. Similar discussions must occur with
Minnesota and Wisconsin before the agreement can be
finalized.

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PORTION OF WAINFLEET BOG
WILL BE PRESERVED
FOR WILDLIFE HABITAT

A portion of the Wainfleet bog, an important natural area in the Niagara Peninsula, will now be preserved for wildlife habitat.

About 20 per cent of the bog, 207 hectares, has been purchased from the Erie Peat Company by the Ministry of Natural Resources, Ducks Unlimited and Wildlife Habitat Canada at a cost of \$323,000.

The Wainfleet bog is about two kilometres west of Port Colborne and two kilometres north of Lake Erie.

"I am extremely pleased that we've been able to acquire a significant portion of this bog," Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio said.

"This is one of the most important wetlands in the Niagara area. I've received a lot of requests to do something to save the bog and I'm glad we've been able to ensure that a portion of it will be preserved forever.

"The Wainfleet bog has a fragile and complex community of plant life and it's the home of many important species of wildlife. This purchase vividly illustrates the strong commitment my ministry has to preserving nature."

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The bog covers more than 1,000 hectares and is the fourth largest bog south of the Precambrian Shield and the most southerly bog in Ontario. It is a unique wetland complex in the Niagara area and for that reason MNR designated the bog as an Area of Natural and Scientific Interest (ANSI) in 1983.

The ministry's ANSI program is designed to protect exceptional examples of earth and life science features in the province. The program also promotes co-operation between MNR and other agencies and private landowners in conserving special areas.

Peat extraction from the bog began in the late 1800s, peaked between 1945 and 1958 and has been declining in recent years. "We've been able to save a corner of the bog that is virtually untouched which means we'll be able to preserve the area in an almost wilderness state," Mr. Kerrio said.

The bog contains a host of significant plant and animal species. There are four important species of butterflies and moths; 42 species of plants, including Virginia Chainfern, Sphagnum and haircap moss; 22 species of reptiles and amphibians, including the Massasauga rattlesnake; 16 species of birds, including the short-eared owl, the Whip-poor-will, the Marsh Wren and the Sedge Wren; and 13 species of mammals, including the meadow vole, deer, the pygmy shrew and brush wolf.

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The bog has been extensively studied by the scientific community, particularly the Institute of Urban and Environmental Studies at Brock University in St. Catharines. Scientific activity is expected to increase now and groups from the universities of Western Ontario, Guelph and Waterloo will likely work in the bog.

MNR will now develop a management plan for the bog. "I encourage anyone interested in the bog to become involved in the development of our management plan," Mr. Kerrio said.

With the acquisition of this portion of the bog MNR will be able to augment many of its wildlife programs in the area.

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April 28, 1988

ATLANTIC SALMON RETURN TO
LAKE ONTARIO AFTER ALMOST
100 YEARS OF EXTINCTION

The Atlantic salmon, extinct in Ontario for nearly a century, is being re-introduced into the Lake Ontario watershed by the Ministry of Natural Resources.

Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio released Atlantic salmon smolts into the Credit River at Cheltenham today as part of a 10-year experiment to re-establish a strain of this historic fish in Lake Ontario.

"This is an exciting occasion for all Ontarians," Mr. Kerrio said. "There is a great deal of romance about the Atlantic salmon. It is a magnificent fish, one of the world's great sport fish. We are on the threshold of bringing back a species of fish which is a part of Ontario's natural heritage."

Until the mid-1800s, Atlantic salmon were abundant in Lake Ontario and in some of the rivers flowing into it, especially the Credit, Humber and Don. The salmon was an important part of the culture and economy of early Ontario.

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Developments in forestry and agriculture destroyed the habitat of the Atlantic salmon, and dams along rivers prevented it from reaching its spawning grounds.

But in the past 20 years, many rivers flowing into Lake Ontario have been rehabilitated or have naturally improved.

"My ministry now feels that suitable habitat is once again available for the Atlantic salmon. I'm extremely pleased that we are able to try to re-establish this heritage species," Mr. Kerrio said.

A heritage species is a fish or animal that is or was native to Ontario and is considered biologically or culturally important as a birthright of the people of Ontario.

"The Atlantic salmon is a great leaper and its spawning run is spectacular. If this experiment goes well, Ontarians will once again be able to enjoy the thrill of seeing an Atlantic salmon spawning run," Mr. Kerrio said.

MNR imported eggs from the United States and raised them at its Normandale fish culture station near Simcoe for its experiment. About 30,000 smolts are being stocked this year. Over the next five years, the Ministry of Natural Resources will stock 50,000 Atlantic salmon a year. New York State also stocks about 50,000 Atlantic salmon into Lake Ontario each year.

Salmon from various sources will be tried to determine which kind are most likely to survive.

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MNR is also developing regulations to protect the salmon during the study period. MNR is asking anglers to release any Atlantic salmon they may catch in the next few years.

The experiment in stocking Atlantic salmon is being funded by revenue generated from the sale of Ontario's Resident Sport Fishing Licence.

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RESIDENT SPORT FISHING LICENCE SALES
TOP \$9-MILLION IN FIRST YEAR,
ONTARIO FISHERIES BENEFIT

Sales of the new Ontario resident sport fishing licence, which came into effect last year, have exceeded the expectations of the Ministry of Natural Resources.

The licence became mandatory on January 1, 1987, for most adult Ontarians aged 18 to 64. The first licences were available in November 1986.

It was predicted sales of the 1987 issue would reach \$8.2-million. But by the end of 1987, more than 900,000 licences were sold, generating in excess of \$9-million in revenues.

"The public's response to the licence has been very gratifying," Mr. Kerrio said. "Fishing enthusiasts see the Ontario resident's licence program as a way of becoming actively involved in promoting this valuable resource."

Funds equal to the revenue from the sales of the licence are being, and will be, allocated to fisheries management projects across Ontario. From November 1986 to date, \$8.9-million has been allocated to expand the fisheries program, and the allocation for this fiscal year (1988/89) will be increased by \$950,000 to a total of \$9.15-million.

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For the 1987/88 fiscal year, 30 per cent of the \$8.2-million budget -- almost \$2.5-million -- was spent on fisheries projects in northern Ontario. Another 46 per cent -- about \$3.8-million -- was spent in southern Ontario.

The remaining 24 per cent was distributed throughout the province to fund projects, such as research, fish culture, public service and general habitat assessment and rehabilitation, that benefit the whole of Ontario.

The types of projects include: population and habitat management, large scale rehabilitation of degraded habitat, law enforcement, public education, inventory and assessment, research, fish culture and minor capital works such as construction of access points. The funding also covers the cost of producing, distributing and accounting for licence sales.

Examples of fisheries projects funded in whole or in part from licence revenue include building fishways, stocking of hatchery-reared fish, rehabilitating habitat to improve natural reproduction, improving access to fishing areas and studying spawning sites and specific fish populations.

Resident fishing licences, valid throughout 1988, went on sale in December. They are available through the ministry's network of private licence issuers and from MNR district offices. The cost of the licence remains unchanged: a licence valid year-round costs \$10 and a \$5 licence is valid for four consecutive days.

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"Judging from the response to the 1987 licence sales, I am certain the 1988 licence will be even more popular. People have been very enthusiastic about the stewardship aspect of buying the licence," said Mr. Kerrio.

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May 9, 1988

ONTARIO'S PROVINCIAL PARKS
CELEBRATE SPRING WITH
A WARM WELCOME TO VISITORS

The welcome mat is out at Ontario's provincial parks now ready for the spring and summer camping season.

The Victoria Day long weekend (May 20-23) is the start of the busy season for the province's parks, with the arrival of visitors wanting a taste of the outdoors after the winter.

"Our parks offer a variety of experiences for people who want to get away from their daily routines," said Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio. "Enjoying the solitude of the wilderness, viewing ancient Indian rock art, or taking part in educational activities are a sampling of what's available."

This year is the start of the count-down to a centennial celebration. In 1993, Algonquin Provincial Park, Ontario's first provincial park, celebrates its 100th birthday and its festivities will kick off a celebration for all parks.

"This kind of celebration will re-kindle many of the fond memories Ontarians have of their visits to our parks," said Mr. Kerrio. "Many of our visitors came as children and are now bringing their children. The stories associated with their visits have become a part of their families' history."

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Those feelings were reconfirmed in a report by the Provincial Parks Council released in December, showing that 96 per cent of park visitors are satisfied with parks' services, facilities, and programs.

For people needing more information on what services are available, the 1988 Ontario Provincial Parks Guide provides information on everything from when parks open to how to reserve a campsite.

Copies of the guide can be obtained at the Ministry of Natural Resources' public information centre in Toronto and through the travel information centres of the Ministry of Tourism and Recreation. The telephone number is toll free 1-800-268-3735 for campers calling outside metro Toronto and 965-4008 for campers calling within metro Toronto.

Park visitors are reminded that the annual alcohol ban will be in effect at 26 provincial parks, including all parks in southwestern Ontario, from May 13 to May 23 this year.

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EDITORS: A list of provincial parks included under the alcohol ban is attached.

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An Alcohol Ban will be in effect from
May 13 to May 23, 1988 at the following parks:

Central Region

Awenda
Balsam Lake
Bass lake
Darlington
Earl Rowe
Emily
McRae Point
Rock Point
Serpent Mounds
Sibbald Point
Six Mile Lake

Eastern Region

Fitzroy
Presqu'ile
Rideau River
Sandbanks

Southwestern Region

Craigleith
Ipserwash
Long Point
MacGregor Point
Pinery
Point Farms
Port Burwell
Rondeau
Sauble Falls
Turkey Point
Wheatley



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May 13, 1988

NATURAL RESOURCES MINISTRY OPENS NEW DEER SEASONS AND EXTENDS HUNTING SEASONS

The success of its deer management program has again allowed the Ministry of Natural Resources to extend hunting seasons and open seasons in new areas.

"The deer population has more than doubled since 1980 to over a quarter of a million animals due to deer management programs and milder winters," said Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio.

The ministry's selective deer harvesting program holds densities at levels just below the carrying capacity of the range.

The current deer population is considered high. MNR's program for managing deer at these levels is designed to sustain the health of the animals and avoid dramatic changes in deer numbers usually associated with overpopulation.

Changes in the 1988 season include new gun and archery seasons.

Wildlife Management Units 8 and 38 will have new gun seasons. A shotgun season has been added in Wildlife Management Unit 72A where only archery seasons had taken place in previous years. In Unit 83A, a muzzle-loading gun season will be allowed to provide more diversity of deer hunting opportunities.

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The new archery seasons will go ahead in Wildlife Management Units 8, 53A, 58 and 59.

In the controlled hunt program, December seasons will again be held in Wildlife Management Units 89A, 89B, and 90A and 90B. In addition, December seasons will be held for the first time in Wildlife Management Units 91A, 91B, 92A, 92B, 92C, and 92D.

The Chatham district controlled hunt will run this year from December 5 to December 8. This replaces the November season held in previous years.

Wildlife Management Unit 55 in Pembroke district and Unit 72 in Lindsay district have been subdivided into parts A and B.

A deer licence, available in early June, is required to hunt antlered deer. To hunt antlerless deer, a correctly completed antlerless deer tag application, available with the licence, must be returned to a ministry district office or to the address on the application no later than 5 p.m., July 31, 1988.

Those who wish to hunt in controlled areas should contact the district office in the area of interest for information and application forms. Applications must be sent to the MNR district office that corresponds to a hunter's first choice of wildlife management unit by 5 p.m., August 31, 1988.

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"The spirit of good sportsmanship and ethics practised by many hunters has improved the hunt," Mr. Kerrio said.

Hunters must apply for a controlled hunt using only one application form. Hunters submitting more than one application will be rejected from the draw.

Hunters who failed to return their 1987 mandatory report form are ineligible for a 1988 controlled deer hunt tag.

The 1988-89 Hunting Regulations Summary brochure, which will be available in late spring, outlines hunting seasons for all areas of the province. It can be picked up at any Natural Resources district office, or from the Public Information Centre, Room 1640, Whitney Block, 99 Wellesley Street West, Toronto, Ontario, M7A 1W3, or by calling (416) 965-4251.

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EDITORS: Please note that detailed descriptions of season dates and wildlife management units are attached.

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1988 DEER SEASONS

RIFLES, SHOTGUNS, BOWS^a AND MUZZLE-LOADERS^b

Wildlife Management Unit(s)	Resident Open Season	Non-Resident Open Season	Conditions (Restrictions only)
6, 7B, 9A, 9B, 11A	Oct. 8 to Dec. 15	Oct. 8 to Nov. 15	Non-Resident Guide Requirement; in part of 7B and all of 9B, 11A.
7A	Oct. 8 to Dec. 15	Oct. 8 to Nov. 15	Bows and muzzle-loading guns only
8	Nov. 12 to Dec. 15	No Season	No dogs
10	Oct. 29 to Dec. 15	Oct. 29 to Nov. 15	Non-Resident Guide Requirement; no dogs
11A	Sept. 24 to Oct. 7	Sept. 24 to Oct. 7	Non-Resident Guide Requirement; bows and muzzle-loading guns only, no dogs
11B, 12A, 12B, 13, 14, 21A	Oct. 8 to Dec. 15	No Season	
36, 37, 38, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 53A, 54, 55A, 55B, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60A, 61, 62, 63	Nov. 7 to Nov. 19	Nov. 7 to Nov. 19	
39, 41, 42	Nov. 7 to Nov. 19	No Season	
43A, 43B	Nov. 21 to Nov. 25	Nov. 21 to Nov. 25	Landowner's Permission, no dogs.
44	Nov. 7 to Nov. 19	No Season	No dogs
45	Nov. 7 to Nov. 10	Nov. 7 to Nov. 10	No dogs
64, 66A, 67, 68, 74	Nov. 7 to Nov. 12	Nov. 7 to Nov. 12	
65, 69B	Nov. 7 to Nov. 12	Nov. 7 to Nov. 12	Bows, shotguns, muzzle-loading guns only, no dogs
71	Nov. 7 to Nov. 12	No Season	Shotguns only, no dogs.
72A, 73A, 73B	Nov. 7 to Nov. 10	No Season	Shotguns and muzzle-loading guns only, no dogs.
82, 84	Nov. 7 to Nov. 11	Nov. 7 to Nov. 11	No dogs
83A	Nov. 7 to Nov. 12	Nov. 7 to Nov. 12	No dogs.
83A	Dec. 5 to Dec. 8	Dec. 5 to Dec. 8	Muzzle-loading guns only, no dogs

CONTROLLED HUNTS^c - NO DOGS

Wildlife Management Unit(s)	Resident Open Season	Non-Resident Open Season	Conditions (Restrictions only)
53B, 75, 76B, 76C, 76D, 77, 78A, 78B, 79A, 79C, 79D, 80, 81, 85, 87B, 87C, 87D	Nov. 7 to Nov. 10	No Season	Shotguns and muzzle-loading guns only
76A	Nov. 7 to Nov. 10	No Season	Rifles, shotguns, muzzle-loading guns only
89A, 89B, 90A, 90B, 91A, 91B	Nov. 7 to Nov. 10 Dec. 5 to Dec. 8	No Season	Shotguns and muzzle-loading guns only
92A, 92B, 92C, 92D	Nov. 7 to Nov. 10 Dec. 5 to Dec. 8	No Season	Muzzle-loading guns only
93A, 93B	Dec. 5 to Dec. 8	No Season	Shotguns and muzzle-loading guns only

1988 DEER SEASONS

BOWS ONLY* - NO DOGS

Wildlife Management Unit(s)	Resident Open Season	Non-Resident Open Season	Conditions (Restrictions only)
6, 7B, 9A, 9B	Sept. 17 to Oct. 7	Sept. 17 to Oct. 7	Non-Resident Guide Requirement; part of 7B and all of 9B.
8	Oct. 1 to Nov. 11	No Season	
10	Oct. 1 to Oct. 28	Oct. 1 to Oct. 28	Non-Resident Guide Requirement.
14	Sept. 17 to Oct. 7	No Season	
37	Oct. 22 to Nov. 6	Oct. 22 to Nov. 6	
43A, 43B	Oct. 8 to Nov. 13	Oct. 8 to Nov. 13	Landowner's Permission Requirement.
48, 57, 60A	Oct. 15 to Nov. 6	Oct. 15 to Nov. 6	
53A, 47	Nov. 21 to Dec. 3	Nov. 21 to Dec. 3	
55B	Nov. 20 to Dec. 20	Nov. 20 to Dec. 20	
58, 59, 63, 64	Oct. 15 to Nov. 6 Nov. 20 to Nov. 30	Oct. 15 to Nov. 6 Nov. 20 to Nov. 30	
61, 62	Oct. 15 to Nov. 6 Nov. 20 to Dec. 15	Oct. 15 to Nov. 6 Nov. 20 to Dec. 15	
66B	Nov. 7 to Nov. 13	Nov. 7 to Nov. 13	
65, 66A, 67	Oct. 15 to Nov. 6 Nov. 13 to Dec. 15	Oct. 15 to Nov. 6 Nov. 13 to Dec. 15	
68	Oct. 15 to Nov. 6 Nov. 13 to Dec. 31	Oct. 15 to Nov. 6 Nov. 13 to Dec. 31	
69A, 72B	Oct. 15 to Dec. 31	Oct. 15 to Dec. 31	
69B	Oct. 15 to Nov. 6 Nov. 13 to Dec. 15	No Season	
71, 74	Oct. 15 to Nov. 6 Nov. 13 to Dec. 31	No Season	
72A	Oct. 15 to Nov. 6 Nov. 11 to Dec. 31	Oct. 15 to Nov. 6 Nov. 11 to Dec. 31	
73, 75, 76, 77, 78A, 78B, 79A, 79C, 79D, 80, 81, 85, 87B, 87C, 87D	Oct. 15 to Nov. 6 Nov. 11 to Dec. 31	No Season	
78C, 78D, 78E, 79B, 86, 87A, 87E, 88, 94A	Oct. 15 to Dec. 31	No Season	
82, 84	Oct. 15 to Nov. 6 Nov. 12 to Dec. 15	No Season	
83A	Oct. 15 to Nov. 6 Nov. 13 to Dec. 4 Dec. 9 to Dec. 15	No Season	
89, 90, 91, 92	Oct. 15 to Nov. 6 Nov. 11 to Dec. 4 Dec. 9 to Dec. 31	No Season	
93	Oct. 15 to Dec. 4 Dec. 9 to Dec. 31	No Season	

NOTES

- a Bows include longbows, compound bows and crossbows
b Muzzle-loaders include flintlock or percussion cap muzzle-loading guns
c Licence must be validated. Deer Hunters should contact appropriate district office for further details.

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53B Bracebridge District Office, Bracebridge
75 Lindsay District Office, Lindsay
76, 77, 81 Huronia District Office, Midhurst
78 Maple District Office, Maple
79, 80, 87 Cambridge District Office, Cambridge

for WMU(s) Contact
85 Wingham District Office, Wingham
89 Niagara District Office, Fonthill
90 Simcoe District Office, Simcoe
91, 92 Aylmer District Office, Aylmer
93 Chatham District Office, Chatham



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POLLUTION PROBE FOUNDATION
WINS THIRD ANNUAL
COMMUNITY WILDLIFE INVOLVEMENT AWARD

Transforming a derelict parking lot in downtown Toronto into a sanctuary for urban wildlife has won the Pollution Probe Foundation the 1987 Community Wildlife Involvement Program Award. The program and the award are sponsored by the Ministry of Natural Resources.

"Thanks to the Pollution Probe Foundation's efforts in creating Ecology Park, city residents can now observe birds, butterflies and insects that they might not have seen otherwise," Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio said. "And those people can also learn first-hand the importance of conserving wildlife habitat," he added.

Ecology Park has become a model of urban habitat enhancement. Many volunteer groups have already visited the park while planning habitat improvements in their own areas.

The annual award is given to groups or individuals whose wildlife involvement projects best reflect the principles of the wildlife improvement program. The program began in 1985, and provides funding and technical support to volunteer groups wanting to improve local wildlife habitat.

Mr. James McGuigan, parliamentary assistant to Mr. Kerrio, presented the trophy to Pollution Probe in a ceremony at Ecology Park today.

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"The Pollution Probe Foundation had the vision and the dedication to bring together the many organizations and individuals who generously contributed to the creation of Ecology Park," Mr. McGuigan said.

The park is located right in the heart of the city near the Spadina subway station. The address is 10 Madison Avenue, next door to the Pollution Probe Foundation's Ecology House, a model of energy conservation and waste management technology. In 1985, staff at the House obtained a lease for the vacant lot from Metro Toronto for \$12 a year. They then applied for funding under CWIP.

CWIP provided nearly \$4,000 over two years for plants and other vegetation suitable for attracting wildlife. More than 120 volunteers spent approximately 3,500 hours preparing the ground, planting trees and shrubs, and installing the interpretive signs and trails that run through the park. The volunteers, a collection of local residents and members of gardening and other clubs, continue the park's maintenance work.

"The fact that there are so many people willing to take the time to help out on a project like this shows that Ontarians are committed to our natural environment," Mr. Kerrio said.

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Since the inception of CWIP, more than 13,000 volunteers have logged 125,000 hours of work on 400 wildlife projects across the province.

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ONTARIO ANNOUNCES NEW PARKS
AND MORE PROTECTION FOR
WILDERNESS AND NATURE RESERVES

Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio announced today that Ontario will create 53 new provincial parks, bringing the total to 270.

He also released details of a new policy that provides more protection for the province's parks system. The new parks policy reverses a decision in 1983 that allowed non-conforming uses in new parks.

The main element in the new policy is a decision to protect the special values in wilderness and nature reserve provincial parks.

"The government believes that the need to preserve a certain amount of 'pure' wilderness is too important to compromise," said Mr. Kerrio.

He told a news conference that no logging, hunting, trapping, mineral exploration, mining or hydroelectric development will be permitted in any wilderness or nature reserve class parks or zones.

Under the new policy for wilderness parks:

- Status Indian-owned and operated hunt camps will be permitted within areas covered by treaties;

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- Trapping by non-Indians will be phased out;
- Existing tourism operations will remain; and,
- Expansion of tourism operations will be decided following extensive consultations during the park management planning process

"No trapping, mining or hydro development will be permitted in any of Ontario's provincial parks," added Mr. Kerrio.

Logging will only be permitted to continue in Algonquin and Lake Superior provincial parks, but under the most stringent operating rules.

Decisions to allow hunting and commercial tourism in waterway, historical, natural environment and recreation class parks will be made on an individual park basis following extensive consultation during the regular management planning process.

Status Indian people will be allowed to continue their traditional activities in provincial parks falling within their treaty areas.

"We are ensuring the protection now of one of the best parks systems in North America, a system that is praised internationally and a system we want to keep, not only for today but for future generations," said Mr. Kerrio.

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"The government has taken a firm stand to resolve a difficult issue which has been outstanding for some time. We can now move ahead with the completion of our parks system as it approaches its centennial in 1993," Mr. Kerrio said.

When the 53 new parks are officially established within the next year, Ontario will have 270 provincial parks covering 6.3-million hectares and more than 80 per cent of the total land and water base within the park system will be pure wilderness or nature reserves.

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NATURAL RESOURCES MINISTRY
ANNOUNCES DECISION ON
TEMAGAMI LAND USE

Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio today announced measures that will return Lady Evelyn-Smoothwater Provincial Park, near Temagami, to its true wilderness status. Mr. Kerrio also announced that he is creating three new waterway parks near the Lady Evelyn-Smoothwater.

"The new Obabika River, Solace Lakes and Sturgeon River waterway parks will increase the park area near the Lady Evelyn-Smoothwater by 26,670 hectares -- about 37 per cent," Mr. Kerrio said. "We are adding significantly to the excellent wilderness and recreational opportunities in the Temagami area."

The initiatives planned for Lady Evelyn-Smoothwater will restore the park's unique wilderness values and ensure that they are protected in the future. While logging has never been allowed in the Lady Evelyn-Smoothwater park, hunting, trapping, and mineral exploration, which were allowed by a previous government decision in 1983, will no longer be permitted. This conforms to the newly announced provincial policy on parks.

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Another of the major initiatives for Lady Evelyn-Smoothwater is the closure of that section of the Liskeard Lumber road that runs through the park.

"The closure of the Liskeard road and the added protection of the new provincial parks policy will ensure the quality of the park's wilderness," Mr. Kerrio said.

The new Obabika River, Solace Lakes and Sturgeon River waterway parks will be particularly appealing to outdoor enthusiasts. Because of their location, they create a circular canoe route linking popular routes in Lady Evelyn-Smoothwater. All three waterway parks will be officially regulated this year.

Among the attractions the three new waterway parks will offer are 225 kilometres of prime canoeing routes, three ancient Indian pictograph sites, an historic Hudson's Bay post, and excellent fishing opportunities for brook and lake trout.

The Minister added that the measures he announced implement and go beyond several key recommendations made in the report of the Temagami Working Group, chaired by Dr. John Daniel.

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The deadline of 1994 for the closing of the Liskeard Lumber road is two years ahead of the one recommended in the Working Group report. By that time, timber licences issued to Liskeard Lumber Company, which uses the road, will be re-allocated to areas north of the park.

Mr. Kerrio said that, along with restoring the wilderness purity of Lady Evelyn-Smoothwater and creating more wilderness and recreational opportunities, the goal of his initiatives is to ensure the economic stability of the Temagami region.

"I'm making the Temagami district a model management area for recreational, forest, tourism and environmental resources," he said. "I will appoint a citizen's advisory council by July 1 of this year to assist me in this endeavor."

The new advisory council will provide advice on resource management activities including: increasing forest regeneration, identifying unique wildlife habitat and historic sites in the area, and preparing a master plan for developing recreational opportunities.

The council will also incorporate the views of the public in assisting several ministries and local residents to promote the area for educational and recreational purposes.

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These decisions are among the key elements of the government's balanced response to the land use issues in the area. The plan for the model management area aims for the continuation of forest industry operations including the use of necessary access roads.

A further initiative to enhance the environmental, recreational and economic well-being of the Temagami area is a project to upgrade a 63-kilometre stretch of Highway 560 between Gowganda and Shining Tree, north of Lady Evelyn-Smoothwater. The project will provide a more reliable route for lumber companies and local communities. It is also expected to encourage more tourism in the area.

"Making sure that the Temagami area retains its special character while maintaining its significant contribution to the local economy will be a challenging task," Mr. Kerrio said. "But I'm confident that, with strong commitment and participation from the public, we will be able to meet these challenges and make this truly a model of resource management."

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EDITORS: A fact sheet detailing each initiative is attached
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NATURAL RESOURCES MINISTER
INTRODUCES PUBLIC LANDS ACT
AMENDMENTS FOR FIRST READING

Amendments to update Ontario's Public Lands Act were introduced for first reading in the Legislature today by Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio.

"The 18 Amendments I am proposing to the Act will improve my ministry's ability to manage Crown lands in a manner consistent with the new approach taken by this government and will enable us to better use our Crown lands for the benefit of all Ontarians," Mr. Kerrio said.

One amendment makes persons who illegally dump or build on Crown lands liable for the costs of cleaning up and rehabilitating those lands.

The maximum fine for infractions to the Act will increase to \$5,000. Violations on Crown lands include unauthorized dredging and filling on shorelines, squatting, and littering or dumping garbage.

Another amendment creates a multi-purpose work permit for construction and other operations on Crown lands, replacing the variety of work permits, letters of permission and other approvals in use now.

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The multi-purpose permit cuts through red tape and also enables the ministry to control or stop harmful operations being conducted without authorization.

The amendments also repeal a requirement that anyone who buys Crown lands and subdivides the lands within five years, must forfeit 25 per cent of the purchase in land or cash.

"Eliminating this restriction is consistent with my ministry's efforts to promote new economic development, particularly in the north," Mr. Kerrio said.

Some 87 per cent of Ontario lands -- more than 89 million hectares -- is Crown land administered under the Public Lands Act. MNR is responsible for the efficient and effective management of this vast area.

The general purpose of the amendments is to correct weaknesses and shortcomings in the existing Act as identified to MNR by the people of Ontario, Mr. Kerrio said.

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FOREST MANAGEMENT AGREEMENTS
SHOW CONTINUED SUCCESS
IN LATEST FIVE-YEAR REVIEW

The third review of Ontario's Forest Management Agreements (FMAs) shows the program continues to be successful in helping the forest industry better manage the province's forests.

The review involves five FMAs covering the operations of the Ontario Paper Company Limited in the Nagagami forest, southwest of Hearst; Pineland Timber Company Limited in the Pineland forest, northeast of Chapleau; Boise Cascade Canada Limited in the Seine River forest, Manitou forest northeast of Fort Frances, and the Waferboard Corporation Limited in the Romeo Malette forest, south of Timmins.

"I am pleased to report that these companies have fulfilled their obligation well," Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio said.

The reviews show that since the FMAs for the five areas were signed in 1982, harvesting has increased by 10 per cent, regeneration by 132 per cent, tending by 173 per cent and site preparation by 194 per cent.

"These results are impressive. The agreements are working because the companies are doing a good job. It is a clear indication of their commitment to effective forest management," Mr. Kerrio said.

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Forest Management Agreements began replacing timber licences in 1980. Under FMAs, the company harvesting a forest is responsible for tending and regeneration. Previously, the Ministry of Natural Resources was responsible. Each FMA is for a period of 20 years with a mandatory review every five years.

"This allows us to see how well the goals of an agreement are being met and where changes need to be made. My ministry must be satisfied that each company is in proper control of planning and forest management activities in its licensed area before the agreement is renewed," Mr. Kerrio said.

Currently, there are 30 FMAs between the ministry and private forestry companies. The agreements cover 178,000 square kilometres of forest and nearly 70 per cent of Ontario's licensed forests. The first two sets of FMAs were reviewed in 1986 and 1987.

Copies of the five-year review of the FMAs are available from the ministry's Public Information Centre, Room 1640, 99 Wellesley Street West, Toronto, Ontario.

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MANAGEMENT PLAN REVIEW

BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND ISSUES AND OPTIONS PHASE

Bronte Creek is a 684 hectare recreation class provincial park located in a near-urban environment. The initial park management plan proposed this area be divided into four quadrants with extensive day-use development, group camping and a family campground. The plan is now being reviewed to re-evaluate proposals which have not yet been developed and, if necessary, to revise the plan on the basis of current information and need.

To encourage public participation in the planning process, Background Information and Issues and Options material has been prepared for review. Tabloids are available from local libraries and municipal offices or from the Park and Cambridge offices of the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources. A more detailed report is also available from the Park and Cambridge offices upon request.

A number of issues and proposed options are identified in the material. These focus attention on park roles, themes, management emphasis and development options. Everyone is encouraged to review the material, complete a questionnaire and return it to the Park by June 30th. Public response to the issues and options will be used to prepare a draft revised management plan.

To help facilitate public participation, open houses will be held at the Oakville and Burlington Central Libraries during the evenings of June 14th and June 16th respectively.

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REVIEW RECOMMENDS
AMALGAMATION OF SOME
CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES

A major review recommends changes in the structure, mandate and financing of Ontario's 38 conservation authorities.

Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio said an interministerial committee recommends that the number of conservation authorities in southern Ontario be reduced to approximately 18 from 33 within two years through the amalgamation of smaller authorities.

The review says the five northern Ontario conservation authorities would remain separate and distinct, but the boundaries of some of them could be reduced to focus on privately owned property in organized municipalities.

The review says that through amalgamation, all authorities could offer the same range of programs and reduce office and administrative overhead.

The review also recommends reducing the number of conservation authority members to approximately 337 from 937 so all members can be fully involved in policy matters and other major decisions.

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"The report's suggestions would make conservation authorities leaner and more efficient. It would turn smaller authorities into stronger organizations able to deliver a full range of programs and take on new responsibilities," said Mr. Kerrio.

The review committee of senior staff from the ministries of Treasury and Economics, Agriculture and Food, Environment, Municipal Affairs, Tourism and Recreation and Natural Resources also suggested:

- o Conservation authorities continue to operate on a watershed basis with strong local initiative and sharing of project costs with the province and member municipalities;
- o Conservation authorities not be allowed to opt out of conservation authority programs, as some have done in the past;
- o Conservation authorities leave the operation of local parks to municipalities and concentrate on regional parks that offer a wide range of recreation opportunities;
- o Supplementary grants be eliminated and provincial grants of 40, 50 or 70 per cent be provided for all conservation authority programs according to an authority's population and assessment base; and that,

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- o The \$5-million in funding freed up by the revised grant system remain in the conservation authority program and that another \$5-million be added to allow conservation authorities to maintain existing dams and other structures and to implement critical flood and erosion control programs.

Mr. Kerrio said the recommendations will be reviewed extensively by conservation authorities, interest groups and municipalities. This public review will also include obtaining comments from new municipal councils that will be elected this fall.

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MINISTER INTRODUCES BILL
TO PROTECT ONTARIO'S
CONTROL OF WATER

The Minister of Natural Resources introduced the Water Transfer Control Act in the Legislature today to assert Ontario's authority to control and manage its water supply.

"This bill is designed to ensure there is a secure supply of water for Ontarians and Canadians by controlling the transfer of water out of any of the five major drainage basins in the province," Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio said. "This government is concerned that the proposed Free Trade Agreement places control of Canada's water supply at risk. We believe that the failure to expressly exclude water exports from the Agreement opens a door we think ought to be closed."

The Ontario government feels water can be considered a "good" under the Free Trade Agreement, which means like any other good, water would become a commodity to be bought and sold should Canada have a free trade deal with the United States.

"Our government does not consider water to be a commodity. We see water as a precious, limited, strategic resource -- one vital to the long-term social, economic and environmental well-being of the people of Ontario and of Canada," Mr. Kerrio said.

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The Water Transfer Control Act prohibits any person from transferring water from a provincial drainage basin without the express consent of the Minister of Natural Resources.

"Our water supply is limited," Mr. Kerrio said. "For example, only one per cent of the volume of water in the Great Lakes is renewable. Depleting the lakes beyond this one per cent would result in a permanent reduction of water levels."

In addition, scientists predict that the gradual warming of Ontario's climate and increased consumption could significantly decrease Ontario's water supplies within the next decade or two.

"Ontario must ensure it has maximum flexibility to respond to future developments involving this strategic resource. Our government must not accept any ambiguity about the province's ability and determination to manage our water supplies," Mr. Kerrio said.

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31,694 MOOSE TAGS
ISSUED FOR THE 1988 HUNT
BY THE MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES

The Ministry of Natural Resources has mailed 31,694 cow and bull validation tags to hunters for the 1988 moose hunt.

The annual draw for moose validation tags was held June 30, and all of the 80,886 hunters who put their names on the 1988 draw will be notified, whether or not they receive tags, by the end of July.

The draw is part of the ministry's Moose Selective Harvest Program which was initiated in 1983 to allow the moose population to rebuild. The random draw for tags in 68 Wildlife Management Units with moose seasons in Ontario ensures a fair allocation of moose hunting opportunities.

During the second and third weeks of August, hunters who applied but were not successful in this year's draw will be given a chance to obtain one of the 4,017 surplus tags. This will bring the total of 1988 tags to 35,711.

The ministry will notify eligible hunters by mail of the management units where surplus tags are available and how to make application.

Surplus tags exist because the demand is lower in some units, generally remote areas, or units which have archery tags.

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Hunters who don't receive a tag in the initial draw may also book a hunt through tourist outfitters who may have tags available. All purchasers of moose licences may hunt for calf moose.

When the Selective Harvest Program began, there were fewer than 80,000 moose in Ontario. Now, there are 120,000, and the ministry's goal is to increase the population to 160,000 by the end of the century.

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August 23, 1988

ONTARIO KIDS RECOMMEND
COMMON LOON IN
PROVINCIAL BIRD CONTEST

The common loon was the overwhelming choice of children who entered a contest to recommend a provincial bird, Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio announced today.

More than 1,000 entries, out of a total of 5,195, suggested the loon.

"The children have told us their preference and it's a wonderful choice," Mr. Kerrio said. "I'd like to thank all the youngsters who took the time to send in their suggestions. Judging by the interest and effort they put into the contest, it looks like the future of our natural resources is in good hands."

Mr. Kerrio also said that his parliamentary assistant, Jim McGuigan, will introduce a private member's bill that will ask the legislature to designate the common loon the province's official bird when the House reconvenes in the fall.

Matthew Conroy's eloquent explanation of the loon's unique attributes won him top honors in the contest for the best entry.

Ten-year-old Matthew lives near Lively, southwest of Sudbury.

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"The loon is deliberately designed as a fish-catching machine and Ontario has lots of lakes and fish," he wrote.

Matthew concluded his entry by adding that the loon "could be killed by acid rain since the pollution kills the fish that they eat. Maybe if we use the loon as our bird it will help fight this pollution."

In an awards ceremony held today at Sudbury's Science North, Mr. Kerrio presented Matthew with the Atlas of the Breeding Birds of Ontario, and a print depicting the loon, donated by wildlife artist Michael Dumas.

The contest asked children aged nine to 11 from across Ontario to send in a one-paragraph explanation outlining why their favorite bird should be chosen to win the contest.

The next most popular choices were the American robin, the Canada goose, the mallard, the ruby-throated hummingbird, and the great blue heron.

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EDITORS NOTE: Photographs of the presentation are also available from the contact person below.

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September 21, 1988

HUNTERS ASKED
TO TURN IN DEER AND MOOSE JAWS
FOR MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

The Ministry of Natural Resources and the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) have teamed up to encourage hunters to provide biological information on the province's deer and moose herds this fall.

Hunters are asked to bring the lower jaws of harvested deer and moose to local ministry offices. In return, each hunter will receive a sew-on crest and a chance to win one of several prizes in a draw to be held at the end of the hunting season.

The jaws submitted by hunters are examined by ministry biologists to determine the age of the animals. The data are then used to set targets for optimal population levels. Last year, about 5,000 moose jaws were collected out of a total harvest of close to 10,800 animals.

"Thanks to the co-operation of hunters in providing this vital information over the years, our management efforts have resulted in more and healthier animals," Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio said. "And now, with the incentives the federation is helping us offer, we hope even more hunters will participate."

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The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters has contributed a substantial portion of the program's cost, including the production of the crests which will be distributed throughout the hunting season by the ministry at local offices and hunter check-points.

"It's absolutely essential for the Ministry of Natural Resources to have meaningful data in order to properly manage Ontario's big game populations," Rick Morgan, executive director of the OFAH said. "Our federation is encouraging all successful hunters to share in the data collection and turn in all jaws."

To enter the draw, hunters must fill out applications at MNR district offices when they bring in the animal jaws. The closing date for entries is January 3, 1989, and the draw will be held at the OFAH's annual conference in Windsor in February. Prizes include:

- o A fly-in moose hunting trip for two to Chapleau.
- o A guided hunting trip for two in the Whitney area, south of Algonquin Park.
- o A Browning 30.06 rifle
- o A 12-gauge shotgun
- o A Barnett crossbow

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MORE THAN 65,000 HUNTERS
SUCCESSFUL IN DRAW
TO HUNT ANTLERLESS DEER

A steadily increasing deer population in Ontario has allowed the Ministry of Natural Resources to issue validation tags to 65,136 hunters to hunt antlerless deer this year. The number represents an increase of six per cent from last year. Applicants in the random draw for the tags rose to more than 85,000 from 83,000 in 1987.

Three-quarters of the hunters who applied in the draw were successful in obtaining a tag. All successful applicants should receive their tags in the next week to ten days.

"Ontario's deer population has more than doubled to an estimated quarter-million animals since the validation tag program was introduced in 1980 to reduce the harvest of antlerless deer," Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio said.

Under the program, any hunter with a valid deer licence can harvest antlered deer, while those wishing to harvest antlerless deer must apply in the random draw for a validation tag.

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The program has produced a larger provincial herd which allows more recreational opportunities. The number of available validation tags for antlerless deer has risen four and a half times, to more than 75,000 this year from 16,723 in 1980. Not all of the available tags were issued because demand in some areas, particularly in those designated for archery hunting, was low. More than 130,000 hunters participated in the hunt last year, with a 29 per cent success rate, harvesting 37,911 deer.

The ministry's management plan for deer is to hold their numbers just below the capacity of the range to support them. The aim is to keep the deer healthy, and avoid the dramatic changes in herd sizes associated with overpopulation.

Deer hunting seasons open in many areas of the province on November 7. Most archery seasons begin October 15. Hunters should check the Summary of Hunting Regulations, 1987-88 or the 1988 Deer Hunter's Fact Sheet for specific dates.

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MNR TO ESTABLISH A SYSTEM OF
BLACK BEAR MANAGEMENT AREAS
FOR PROVINCIAL TOURIST OPERATORS

The Ministry of Natural Resources will establish a system of bear management areas across the province to reduce harvest pressure on provincial black bear populations.

"The introduction of bear management areas will improve my ministry's ability to monitor black bear and will also eliminate competition among tourist operators within the same geographic area," Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio said today.

"Interest in bear hunting in Ontario continues to rise and my ministry, in co-operation with tourist operators and hunters, has identified a need for an area allocation system to protect the resource and reduce conflicts."

The ministry will meet with active bear outfitters in each MNR district later this fall to discuss the mapping of bear management areas, taking into account the areas traditionally hunted by each outfitter. Many provincial operators already have informal agreements that define hunting areas, although extreme competition for bears has caused this system to break down.

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Bear outfitters who are assigned areas will receive the exclusive right to provide guiding and baiting services to bear hunters within those areas.

The program does not affect hunting by Ontario residents, unless they use the services of a tourist outfitter.

Tourist operators will be charged an annual fee for each bear management area they are assigned. Assignment of an area does not convey any land tenure or title, but merely allows the holder to exclude other operators.

In addition, bear management areas are not transferable. Any area given up by an operator will revert to the Crown.

Since most hunters use the Ontario tourist industry, bear management areas will enable MNR to better monitor the annual bear harvest provincially and by specific areas.

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EDITORS: A fact sheet with further details on bear management areas is attached.

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DRAFT PLANNING POLICY
TO STRENGTHEN WETLANDS PROTECTION
IN ONTARIO

Stronger protection for Ontario's wetlands will be in place after a six-month public review of the province's draft policy statement on planning for wetlands.

Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio announced details of the draft statement today in the Ontario Legislature.

"This policy statement recognizes the importance of Ontario's wetlands, and reflects our strong commitment to their protection," Mr. Kerrio said. "Once approved, it will provide planning officials across the province with a clear mandate to incorporate wetland values in their land use planning decisions."

The statement will provide the planning component of the province's overall management strategy that includes securing, evaluating and researching wetlands.

"Over the next few months, we will be consulting closely with municipalities and others to ensure that this statement will be an effective tool in making sound land use planning decisions," Municipal Affairs Minister John Eakins said.

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The draft policy statement, to be released for public comment, was approved by the Ontario cabinet on October 12. After the review, the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs will issue the final version of the statement which will be included in section three of the provincial Planning Act.

The draft policy statement, which was prepared by a committee representing four ministries, replaces the Guidelines for Wetlands Management in Ontario that have been in place since 1984.

The Ministry of Natural Resources recently issued an interim report from its ongoing wetlands evaluation program. The report documents the hydrological, biological, social and other special features of 152 regionally and provincially significant wetlands in southern Ontario.

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EDITORS: Please note, further information on the Interim Report of Provincially and Regionally Significant Wetlands in Southern Ontario is available in the attached Resources Report and Fact Sheet.

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MNR WARNS ONTARIO HUNTERS
NOT TO EAT BLACK BEAR, MOOSE
OR DEER KIDNEYS OR LIVER

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources is again warning hunters not to eat the kidneys and liver from moose, black bear, and deer because of high cadmium levels.

The World Health Organization (WHO) has set a limit of 0.5 milligrams per week for human consumption of cadmium.

Extensive provincewide testing has established that consuming 300 grams (11 ounces) of liver from deer fawns per week is within WHO guidelines. No warning is necessary on the consumption of other meat from moose, black bear, or deer.

Cadmium is a heavy metal which can be toxic at high levels of exposure. It occurs naturally at low levels in the ecosystem but may reach higher levels in some areas.

Cadmium accumulates in the kidneys and liver of some longer-living species such as moose, black bear, and white-tailed deer. Experiments have shown that very high concentrations of cadmium can cause kidney and liver damage in humans.

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The ministry issues a warning for consumption of the kidneys and liver from moose, black bear, and deer to ensure that the public does not exceed the WHO limit. MNR researchers first discovered high cadmium levels in moose kidneys in 1984. Since then, with the co-operation of Ontario hunters, samples of more than 1000 moose, 1500 white-tailed deer and 200 black bear have been examined throughout the province.

Cadmium levels in moose, black bear, and deer are not uniform across Ontario. Cadmium levels are generally higher in moose and bear than in deer. The ministry's sampling indicates that cadmium levels are generally lowest in southwestern Ontario and highest in the central part of the Province. The remainder of the areas tested showed intermediate levels. The reason for these regional differences has not yet been established. The ministry is involved in various co-operative studies with other government agencies and universities to determine the pathways of cadmium in the ecosystem.

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BRONTE CREEK PROVINCIAL PARK
DRAFT REVISED MANAGEMENT PLAN

Bronte Creek is a 684 hectare recreation class provincial park located between Oakville and Burlington. A Master Plan was completed for the park in 1972 in which extensive day-use development and camping facilities were proposed.

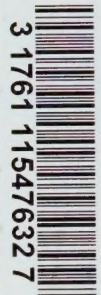
A review of the Master Plan has resulted in the release of a Draft Revised Management Plan for public review and comment. Public input received during the Issues and Options Phase of the review has been instrumental in setting the roles, themes, policies and development proposals presented in this plan.

Copies of the Draft Revised Management Plan are available from the Bronte Creek Provincial Park Office and the Cambridge District Office of the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources. Everyone is encouraged to review the plan and to please submit their comments to the park office by December 16th, 1988.

The public is further invited to attend one of our open houses to be held at the Oakville Central Library, 120 Navy Street, Oakville and the Venture Inn, 2020 Lakeshore Road, Burlington. The open houses are scheduled for the evenings of November 24th and November 29th, respectively. Open houses provide informal opportunities to review the Draft Revised Management Plan and discuss its contents with ministry representatives.

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